

Rogers remains optimistic

From our Correspondents
Washington and New York

The State Department is expressing optimism about the chances of an interim agreement between Egypt and Israel about reopening the Suez Canal. Mr. William Rogers, the Secretary of State, said at a Washington press conference—his first since he returned from his Middle East tour six weeks ago—that he hoped an interim agreement would be achieved "certainly this year."

In Klamath Lake, New York, Mr. Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told a B'nai B'rith convention that there was still hope for an interim agreement, although he was less cheerful about the long-term prospects. The outlook for an overall settlement was "not encouraging," he said.

Mr. Rogers claimed that the recently concluded Soviet-Egyptian treaty did "not make an interim agreement on Suez impossible," adding that it would be "most unfortunate" if the treaty were to result in a stepping-up of the Middle East arms race.

Other State Department officials seem to think that this "most unfortunate" development is most

likely and that additional Soviet arms deliveries to Egypt are inevitable and possibly imminent.

In answer to questions about Soviet attacks on America's Middle East policy, Mr. Rogers said that he did not know what was irritating the Russians. "Obviously, the USA welcomes anyone's assistance" in promoting Middle East peace, he declared.

Meanwhile, at Klamath Lake, Mr. Sisco was taken to task by Dr. William Wexler, the international president of B'nai B'rith. America was presenting the Middle East to the Soviet Union by default because the USA feared a confrontation between the two Powers, Dr. Wexler said.

Israel embarrassed by gift row

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israeli officials have drawn a veil of embarrassed silence over the offer to give a small quantity of medical supplies to the Organisation of African Unity and the South African Government's subsequent decision to stop the transfer to Jerusalem of money raised for the Israel United Appeal.

The question of Israel's projected £1,250 worth of aid to the OAU—in response to a request "channeled through the United Nations"—is now before a Knesset committee.

Opposition parties have taken the Government to task for authorising aid to an organisation which they claim is hostile to Israel at the cost of offending the Government and the Jewish community of a country which is friendly towards Israel.

The fact that leading OAU spokesmen have rejected Israel's offer has only added to Jerusalem's discomfort.

Mr. Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, returned on Monday from his African tour with a blunt statement declaring that Israel was only interested in fostering peace and progress and that "false impressions" had been fostered by the press about the offer to the OAU.

High-level consultations were taking place to find some way of placating South Africa while exonerating Israel from the OAU affair.

South Africa blocks £5m

From Joe Kuttner
Johannesburg

The South African Government, retreating against Israel's contribution to the Organisation of African Unity, has suspended the transfer to Israel of funds collected by South African Jewry for the Israel United Appeal.

Mr. Geoffrey Browne, the Finance Secretary, said on Monday: "Quite some few millions are involved." The sum is believed to total £5 million.

Dr. N. Diederichs, the Finance Minister, announced that the ban would remain until Israel's attitude towards South Africa had been made clear.

South Africa's Jewish community is among world Jewry's most generous supporters of Israel.

Rabbi Goren inducted in Tel Aviv

From our Correspondent
Jerusalem

Rabbi Shlomo Goren formerly Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, was inaugurated as Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv on Tuesday. The impressive ceremony in the Tel Aviv Central Synagogue was attended by Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister, together with other Ministers, Knesset Members and 2,000 other guests.

Looking unfamiliar out of uniform, Rabbi Goren bade farewell to his inaugural sermon to the soldiers on the front lines. He had assumed his new post three years after being elected to it because he could not leave the Army during the trials of the war of attrition, he said.

Rabbi Goren expressed the hope that communal differences would disappear and with them the need for two Chief Rabbis—one Ashkenazi and one Sephardi.

Then, clad in a long black coat and a Homburg hat, Rabbi Goren took charge of the brightly lit synagogue, the new seat of his activities.

Hospital staff on strike

From our Correspondent
Jerusalem

Dispensaries closed and the reception of patients stopped, except for urgent cases, when about 4,000 managerial and non-professional employees in 19 Government hospitals all over Israel began a strike on Tuesday in support of their pay claims.

The strike leaders said that staff would stop providing meals to patients, except soldiers and children, as from yesterday (Thursday).

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, had a meeting on Tuesday with workers' representatives of the Israel Electricity Corporation who have instituted a partial strike over their pay claims.

The workers are manning the power stations but are not repairing damaged lines or rectifying distribution faults.

Shazar improving

From our Correspondent
Jerusalem

President Zalman Shazar was reported by his doctors, on Wednesday, to be improving steadily after a gall bladder operation in the Bellinson Hospital in Petach Tikva on Monday.

They expect the 81-year-old President to leave hospital within ten or 15 days. He was admitted to the hospital at the week-end.

Basle bans Soviet anti-Jewish libels

From MARCO FLAHERTY

Scurrilous antisemitic and anti-Zionist propaganda distributed in Basle by the organisers of an official Soviet export and has aroused widespread protests.

The Basle State Council reacted immediately by ordering the distribution of the booklets and leaflets, described as "an attack, libel and offence to other peoples."

The propaganda included such publications as "The Metic of Zionists—Anti-Sovietism," by W. Bolshakov, and "Jews in the Soviet Union—Myths and Realities."

They equated Jews and Israelis with the Nazis, accused "international Zionism" of being a "international espionage centre" and repeated many of the anti-semitic lies so assiduously propagated by the Nazis.

Writing about the wartime Nazi massacre of scores of thousands of Jews in the Babi Yar ravine outside Kiev in the Ukraine, one pamphlet said: "The tragedy of Babi Yar will for all time remain not only a symbol of the cannibalism of the Hitlerite fascists, but also the inextinguishable shame of their accomplices and imitators—the Zionists."

Elsewhere, the "Zionist World Organisation" (sic) and the World Jewish Congress, as well as "the numerous other organisations and affiliates (connected with them)" was said to be "in one and the same time one of the largest associations of financial capital, an international espionage centre and a practised misinformation and slander service."

The posters also carried a Lucerne, where the similar action, and in Zurich, police seized large quantities of the propaganda leaflets despite efforts by a dissident Leftist described "the hand coming from the cramps near Gaza."

Woman on hunger strike

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

Mrs. Ulye Libman, 27, who has a five-year-old child, was this week reported to be on hunger strike in the offices of the Interior Ministry in Moscow. In protest at the rejection of her ninth application for an exit permit to Israel.

A group of nine women in Vilna have applied for exit permits for their 14 children so that they can be sent to Israel.

Mr. Allan Kruncher, a 35-year-old Moscow economist, has lost his job because he wanted to apply for permission to emigrate to Israel.

A researcher at the Soviet Union's most prestigious economic research organisation, the Plekhanov Institute in the Soviet capital, Mr. Kruncher was dismissed on the spot when he asked for a character reference, which every applicant for an exit permit must supply from his place of employment.

Also in Moscow, Mr. Mikhail Pirozhkov, a Jewish painter, was

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Soviet Jews defiant at two trials

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

At the young defendants in the Kishinev trial of nine Jews, this week dramatically denounced the court's jurisdiction and refused to plead guilty.

The defendants in the trial of nine Jews, which has its roots in the Kishinev trial of 1948, were accused of planning a plan for aircraft hijacking, stealing

tor" which he needed to duplicate textbooks on the Hebrew language.

When Hillel Shur was asked to plead guilty in exchange for being put on probation. He threatened me that otherwise I would get five or six years' imprisonment.

"I refuse to have my fate decided by people who at the very beginning of the interrogation I refused to participate in this trial."

The other defendants in the trial are Alexander Kulperin, 25; Soniya Levit, 24; Harry Kishner, 25; Arkady Voloshin, 25; Abraham Treitenberg, 24; David Chernogla, 22; and Anatoly Goldfeld, 25. The last two, like Shur, are from Leningrad. The others, including David Rabinovich, are from Kishinev.

Extraordinary security precautions, tighter even than those at the Leningrad trials in connection with the alleged hijacking plot, have been taken by the Soviet police.

No member of the public is allowed to go near the court building. The tram stop near the court has been moved to another street so as to prevent groups of people gathering. Those entering the court are severely screened. Relatives of the

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The Duke of Edinburgh took the president's wife into dinner on Wednesday evening. The president's wife was Mrs. Harold Sebag-Montefiore and the important occasion was the centenary dinner of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. Full report next week

Russia accuses 'Zionists' of bomb plot

From our Correspondent
United Nations

A bomb was found and defused at the Long Island country estate of the Soviet United Nations mission on Tuesday, according to a statement released by the mission on Wednesday.

The statement attributed the placing of the bomb to "Zionists" and added that the date was significant, because June 22 was the 30th anniversary of "the perfidious aggression of fascist Germany against the Soviet Union."

This, the statement continued, was "symbolic" and "natural," because "man-hating Zionist ideology" was "similar to fascist ideology" and also based on "a doctrine of expansionism and aggression" as well as on "hatred of other nations," and advocated "the racist doctrine of God's chosen people."

The urgent issue as far as Israel was concerned, he continued, was to maintain the balance of power in the Middle East. "We would like to reach agreements for carrying out that policy in the future. The very fact that we have an

Carmel on the boil

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Smoldering resentment over the way the appointment of a new headmaster for Carmel College was handled broke to the surface last week at the school's speech day and at the first meeting of its new parents' association.

In an open letter to fellow parents, Mr. Malcolm Shlirin, one of the school's first pupils, expressed "revulsion at the arrogant manner in which the appointment (of Rabbi Rosen) was made known."

Mr. Joshua Gabay, for seven months acting headmaster, who said to have been offered the post of head, may resign from the school. (Full report page 5.)

Eban seeks contacts with Moscow

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israel regrets the absence of meaningful dialogue with the Soviet Union, but has not resigned herself to a permanent absence of contact and remains ready to enter into discussions, Mr. Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said here on Tuesday.

He was addressing a press conference, at which he denied that there had been any discussion with Moscow about resuming diplomatic relations or about anything else, "despite laudible reports about what happened in places where the sun never sets."

This last was a reference to Mrs. Meir's visit to Lapland last month, which aroused speculation that she had met Soviet diplomats there.

Mr. Eban said that no discussion was under way with the United States about a contractual treaty similar to that concluded between Egypt and the USSR at the end of last month. Neither Government had suggested it.

The urgent issue as far as Israel was concerned, he continued, was to maintain the balance of power in the Middle East. "We would like to reach agreements for carrying out that policy in the future. The very fact that we have an

agreed doctrine (on the maintenance of the balance of power) makes it important that we reach agreed means for carrying the doctrine into effect," Mr. Eban added.

Secret talks

From our Correspondent
New York

According to the New York Times, diplomats in Washington report that Israel and the Soviet Union are engaged in active soundings "through various channels" on the possible resumption of diplomatic relations.

(Why Russians want links—page 40.)

New Barmitzvah hurdle

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Boys wishing to read maffir al their barmitzvah at a United Synagogue will in future have to be pupils at Jewish day-schools, regularly attend Hebrew classes for at least four years or sit for an additional examination.

Nor will they be allowed to read any portion of the Law unless they have passed a written or oral examination.

A test of knowledge for a barmitzvah boy wishing to read a portion of the Law is a radical departure in United Synagogue practice and is unprecedented in this country and probably elsewhere.

This tightening of the regulations is a part of a two-tier barmitzvah test system adopted by the United Synagogue council on Monday. It represents a compromise on the proposals submitted by the Chief Rabbi and rejected by Sir Isaac Wolfson, the US president, last year.

In the original proposals the reading of portions of the Law were subject to those requirements now applying only to the reading of the maffir.

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Soviet canard misfires

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A Soviet attempt to implicate British Jews in a London hotel blaze which killed eight people has misfired. Police and the fire brigade have been quick to refute the implied charge that British "Zionists" were responsible for the fire at the New Langham Hotel, Hayswater, on May 11.

The charge, made by members of the Red Army Ensemble from Kiev in a letter to Pravda, the Kiev Communist daily, was subsequently repeated by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The Ukrainian artists, who stayed at the hotel during their British tour earlier this year, suggested that the police should investigate possible links between the fire and an alleged attempt to set fire to the Odessa Theatre, Gnilers Green, where the ensemble was appearing.

As soon as the Tass story appeared, the police said that Scotland Yard had examined and dismissed the possibility that British Jews were responsible for the fire.

'Underground' editor here

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr. Victor Fedoseyov, a Russian non-Jew who fought for Jewish rights inside the Soviet Union and recently emigrated to Israel with his Jewish wife, visited London this week. He was due to attend the launching yesterday (Thursday) by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of a new journal called "Soviet Jewish Affairs."



A Japanese stewardess helps to secure a Torah scroll on the airliner taking it to Japan. The scroll is a gift from the international synagogue at New York's Kennedy airport to the Ohel Shalom Synagogue in Kobe. On the left is Mr. Albert Hanway, president of Kobe's Kansei Congregation. On the right is Mr. Rahim Sassoon, of New York, who helped to finance Ohel Shalom.

CALENDAR

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From our Correspondent—Jerusalem



Shazar is better

From our Correspondent
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President Shazar is making

Hetadrut of not exercising sufficiently tight control over the unions, while the Hissadrut claims that the Government is not acting responsibly as the country's largest employer. (Most of the recent strikes have been in defense

From our Country
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enp adding a distinguishing touch to his well-cut uniform, was a model of martial alertness; and the air attaché, enveloped in a huge flying suit from shoulder to ankles, seemed not at all worried by the heat as he stood there with

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The first two months, during which the work of the Chief Rabbinate Council was paralysed. The two men met at Machal Shlomo (the Chief Rabbinate centre) in Jerusalem on Monday and agreed on a compromise. Under this, a special court, probably consisting of two dayanim, will be set up to examine questions regarding the conversion of the non-Jewish spouses—mainly Russian—of immigrants.

The court will also deal with the Vienna conversions of Soviet emigrants on their way to Israel, which were called into doubt by extreme Orthodox circles in Israel.

The other part of the compromise is that the Chief Rabbinate Council will not for the time being deal with the question of *mamzerut* (bastardy), which will be left to the rabbinical courts to decide.

Rabbi Unterman and Nisim also discussed the appointment of a commission to conduct examinations of prospective dayanim. (Sephardi rabbis have complained that they are discriminated against in such appointments.) Rabbi

The signatories to the declaration included the Rev Dr Arthur Olson, the president of the Evangelical Free Church of America; and the Rev Dr John Wivona, president of the Dallas Theological Seminary.

Mr David Ben-Gurion, Israel's 84-year-old first Prime Minister, opened the conference.

Mamzerim plea

Most Israelis would like to see the law which prevents mamzerim (bastards) from marrying, according to another mamzer, according to a nation-wide survey conducted by Mr Rafael E. GILL, the director of Public Opinion Research of Ltd (Zorlin).

A total of 61 per cent of the polled wanted the law dropped compared with 28 per cent who want to keep the halacha intact. Nine per cent found it hard to decide and the remainder 19 per cent did not give an opinion as to whether they had "never heard" of bastardy and what it is the rule.

Arns, to leave East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Written by Father Giovanni Rulli, the bi-monthly's article is considered by many to be the most svered criticism of Israeli policies yet voiced by a Roman Catholic source.

Observers here believe that the strictures in the article are part of an orchestrated Vatican campaign to placate Jerusalem under some form of international or inter-religious control.

Father Rulli's article follows similar criticism recently published in the Valtellina newspaper, Osservatore Romano.

Barclays venture

From our Correspondent
Jerusalem

Barclays Bank, to Israel and the Israeli Discount Bank are to launch a joint venture—Barclays Discount Bank Ltd.

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Italy's neo-fascists win 400,000 votes

From TULLIA ZEVI—Rome

Anger, fear and frustration, not allegiance to fascist ideology prompted more than 400,000 Italians to vote for the first time for the neo-fascist Italian Socialist Movement (MSI) in the local elections last week.

In these one-fifth of the Italian electorate took part in the poll for 180 town councils, including Rome, Genoa and Bari, and Sicily's regional government.

The MSI, which polled 5.6 per cent of the vote in the last General Election, doubled its vote in Rome where it was placed third after the Christian Democrats and the Communists.

In Sicily it almost trebled its vote to be placed second in the percentage of votes received.

The neo-fascist campaign was totally free of antisemitic and anti-Zionist themes.

The MSI's new voters are believed to be mainly former supporters of the anarchist and liberal parties and Right-wing Christian Democrats who resent reforms and feel that the Government cannot control the mounting wave of political and criminal violence and fear that it may seek an alliance with the Communists.

These voters are thought to include wealthy property owners who fear expropriation; and small businessmen hit by strikes, the economic recession and rising costs.

The neo-fascists shrewdly capitalised on such trends by preaching the need for law and order and promising to save the nation from chaos and Communism in a campaign reported to have cost more than £400,000.

Possibly a few hard-hit small Jewish businessmen may have voted for the MSI but the vast majority of the Jewish electorate continued to support the moderate and progressive parties.

Two Jews, one Communist, the other Republican, were elected to the Roma municipal council.

Observers here emphasised the need not to over-dramatise the neo-fascist gains in the local elections.

They have also emphasised that the elections gave the Socialists, the Republicans and the Social Democrats a sufficient majority to assure a continuation of the Centre-Left coalition. However, the psychological shock to the country was unquestionable.

The chief architect of the MSI's gains was 56-year-old Mr Giorgio Almirante, the party's shrewd, quiet and eloquent secretary who took office in 1969.

A former journalist and staunch supporter of Mussolini, he has succeeded in creating the party's patriotic and anti-Communist image respectful of democratic rules.

Success may lure back within the party fold part of the extremist groups, including several thousand militantly-trained activist die-hard, some of them outspokenly anti-semitic, who would change the party's tactics.

Mr SYDNEY ROBINS is the first Jew to be appointed the chief official of the Upper Canada (Ontario) Law Society.

He said that some 200,000 New York Jews living at or below the poverty level were not getting their share of federal poverty relief funds. Also, while there were poor Jews in twelve of the city's designated areas, they were represented on only two official anti-poverty councils.

Rabbi Kahane alleged that the Federal Small Business Administration discriminated against Jews in granting loans, favouring Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and American Indians.

A survey conducted under the auspices of the American Jewish Committee has found that 15.3 per cent of American Jewish families have an income of less than \$3,000 (about £1,250) a year.

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Vienna honours for Freud

From our Correspondent

Dr Sigmund Freud's home in Vienna, in which he worked for 47 years, was opened as a museum and a psycho-analysis centre in his memory last week.

Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, and Dr Friedrich Honecker, the president of the German Democratic Republic, attended the opening ceremony.

The centre was established by the Government and the Vienna University. Professor Freud's home came to Britain as a Jewish refugee in 1938, died in London in 1939.

The flat at 19 Berggasse has been furnished to look as much as possible as it did when Freud lived there. Dr Anna Freud, Professor Freud's daughter, lives in London, did not attend the ceremony, but she is expected to visit Vienna next month for a national psycho-analysis congress.

Until some years ago, the community had refused to accept a proposal to name the building after Freud. Dr Anna Freud's appointment as headmaster of the school for seven months following his death was a significant step towards his recognition.

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HOME NEWS

Abay likely to quit Carmel

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr Joshua Abay, former acting headmaster of Carmel College, is likely to resign from the staff of the school. The move comes in a series of stormy events at Britain's only Jewish school since the controversial appointment last month of Rabbi Jeremy Rosen as headmaster.

Mr Abay's final decision will depend on the outcome of his meeting with the school's governors next week when he will seek confirmation of his position.

Mr Abay will concern a number of issues, including a statement at the school's speech day last week. He will also be asked to confirm his position as acting headmaster.

Mr Abay's appointment as acting headmaster was controversial. He was appointed by the school's governors in July, following the resignation of Mr Rosen.

Addressing parents, pupils and staff, Mr Harris attacked the Jewish Chronicle for "utter irresponsibility" in criticising the governors' decision and declared that Rabbi Rosen's appointment was not based on "hereditary rights" although he was the son of Carmel's founder, the late Rabbi Dr Kopel Rosen.

Rabbi Rosen, who was married earlier this month, takes up his headship in July.

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Shechita boss walks out

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr Jack Brenner, hon. secretary of the National Council of Shechita Boards, has resigned following a row at its meeting on Monday during which he walked out in anger.

He told the meeting: "If you want a secretary who negotiates in everything someone wants him to do, whether right or wrong, it is time you got another secretary."

"If it makes the council happy, accept my resignation. I have been made ill by this council. I no longer want to associate with it."

The row started during a discussion on an incident of the Luton abattoir. A casting-pen gate had broken and an animal had escaped.

The council's engineers had examined the pen and stated that it should be replaced.

Subsequently, the Chief Rabbi intervened and ordered that shechita at Luton should cease until the machine was repaired.

Mr Brenner walked out during the heated discussion after Alderman J. Labenstein, representing the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, said that he was disgusted at the manner in which the case had been put before the council.

It was a "communal scandal," Mr Labenstein declared, that the council had acted as "informers" to a public authority before efforts were made to straighten out the problem.



Mr Thatcher with Carmel's acting headmaster, Mr R. Lewis Evans, and Mr Henry Harris, chairman of the school governors

Piracy 'threat to peace'

By our Parliamentary Correspondent

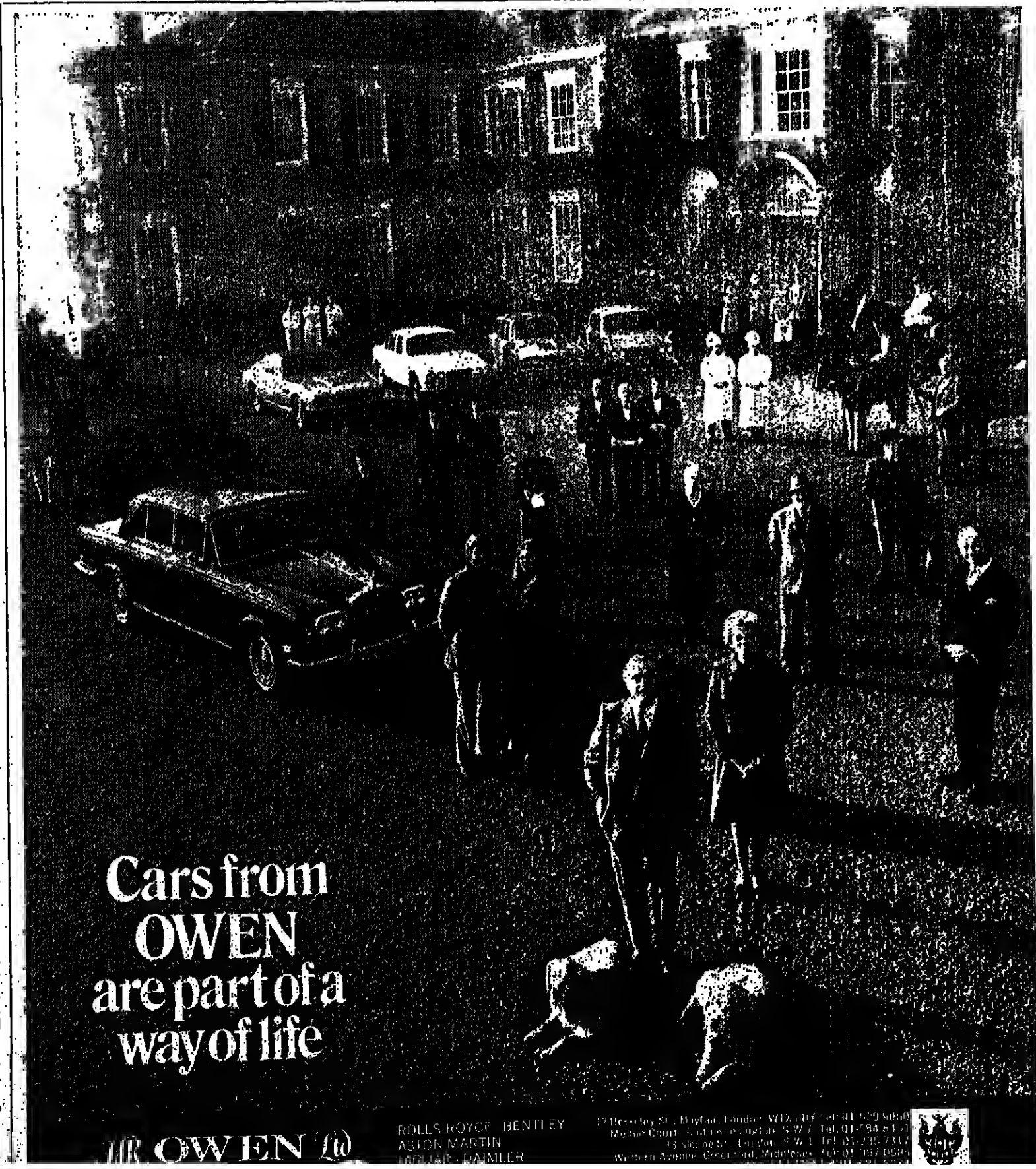
Mr Anthony Royle, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has rejected a suggestion that Britain should refer to the Security Council to the question of the Liberian terrorist attack on the Liberian tanker Coral Sea in international waters.

The matter was raised in the Commons by Mr Greville Janner (Lab., Leicester, NW), who stated that he saw the attack on the

tonker, en route to Eltham, as a threat to world peace.

Mr Royle said: "As a major shipping power, we deplore acts of violence against international shipping and, on the facts available, take a most serious view of this incident."

"We will keep the situation under close review, but are not in favour of raising it at the Security Council."



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Deputies attack Fidler over Commons vote

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Renewed clashes between members of the Board of Deputies and their president, Aldermen Michael Fidler, MP, over the Government's Immigration Bill occurred at Sunday's meeting of the board at Woburn House, London. They followed an earlier row in which the board expressed its opposition to the Bill, while Mr Fidler supported it during its second reading in the Commons.

Mr Fidler was attacked on Sunday for voting with the Government in excluding from the Bill the right to political asylum, one of the demands made by the board of its April meeting.

Opposition followed Mr Fidler's presentation of the executive committee report, which noted "with pleasure" that some of the points raised with the Home Secretary by a board delegation to April were conceded in the Bill's committee stage last week.

Mr H. Diamond, chairman of the board's law and parliamentary committee, revealed that the expression of "pleasure" was inserted in this report by the president.

Mr Victor Misheon, a vice-president of the board, stated that the executive committee had told Mr Fidler that if he refused to convey the board's views to the Commons, then to his own and the committee's embarrassment they would have to ask another MP to do so.

Mr Misheon criticised Mr Fidler for voting with the Government on the political asylum issue, and expressed regret that the Commons records showed that the board's president had done so. He added that he would have preferred Mr Fidler to have abstained.

Mr Diamond declared that there was now only one opportunity left to the board. It had to find someone in the House of Lords who would represent the board's views without reservations when the Immigration Bill debate opened there.

In a raised voice, Mr Fidler retorted that he was not prepared to be pilloried by his colleagues on the executive for "neglecting his obligations." He had undertaken at a meeting of the executive committee to present the board's views to the House of Commons committee and he had done so.

"I support some sections of the Immigration Bill on behalf of the 75,000 people who voted me into Parliament," he declared.

Mr Fidler added that in the committee debate last week he

could not vote for the Opposition amendment regarding political asylum. He did not say, however, why he did not abstain.

After shouts of "shame" and "resign," Mr Fidler read out the speech he made to the House and the Home Secretary's reply to it. He expressed regret that the board's efforts did not lead to the inclusion in the Bill of the right of admission without regard to race, colour or religion, and of the right to political, racial or religious asylum.

He added, however, that these principles would be safeguarded when the Bill became law.

The debate ended when Mr Fidler offered to resign from the executive committee's report the expression of pleasure and Mr Misheon agreed to withdraw his earlier proposal to reject the report.

Plea rejected

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

An appeal to the Government to provide firm guarantees relating to non-discrimination and political asylum was made in the Commons by Mr Michael Fidler (Con., Hury and Radcliffe) during a discussion on the Immigration Bill. "These two principles are sacred and inviolable," he said.

Mr Fidler suggested that the right of asylum should be written into the Bill instead of being contained in regulations to be drawn up by the Home Secretary.

Replying, Mr Mandelson said he could not agree to the inclusion in the Bill of regulations to be made under it, although Parliament would have a measure of control over the use of his powers.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis (Lab., Hackney Central) said the Bill had been condemned, if not wholly, certainly in many material respects by the Board of Deputies (of which Mr Fidler is president).

JDL 'invasion' Sir Isaac opens school opposed

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

An extension of the Jewish Defence League's activities in Britain has been strongly opposed by Mr Victor Misheon, chairman of the defence committee of the Board of Deputies.

His warning follows the appearance in last week's Jewish Chronicle of an advertisement placed by the JDL, pledging its commitment "to go to the defence of any Jew wherever antisemitism appears."

Speaking at Sunday's meeting of the board, Mr Misheon stated that the Jewish community would be "strongly advised" to make contact only with the authorised defence organisations—the Board of Deputies and the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen.

He added that if the league were to follow the example of its American counterpart, it would be not only most unwelcome, but also dangerous.

"There is no room," Mr Misheon declared, "for inexperienced groups in Jewish defence work."

Sandelson wins at ninth attempt

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr Neville Sandelson, who won the Hayes and Harlington by-election last week, doubling the Labour majority to over 10,000,



has become the 40th Jewish Member of the present House of Commons.

He comes from a well-known family in Leeds, where his father, a solicitor, was for many years leader of the Jewish community. Mr Sandelson, who is 47, is a practising barrister with chambers in the Temple. He has also been engaged in publishing and in TV production.

He is a council member of the Labour Friends of Israel and of the Anglo-Jewish Association. Mr Sandelson's victory at Hayes and Harlington was his ninth attempt to enter the Palace of Westminster. [See Focus, page 11.]

Board 'failing to give lead'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Allegations that the Board of Deputies had failed to lead or organise the British protest campaign against the persecution of Jews in Russia were strongly denied by its president, Alderman Michael Fidler, MP, on Sunday.

Mr Fidler told the board that such allegations could have been made only by those who were either ignorant of the board's activities or had "themselves failed to play their full part" in it.

Mr Harry Landy, giving the report of the foreign affairs committee, blamed individual Jews for failing to devote some of their time to demonstrations against Soviet persecution of Jews. These actions, Mr Landy asserted, had been of real benefit to Russian Jews.



Sir Isaac with Chief Rabbi Jakobovits at the opening ceremony

The Ilford Jewish Primary School, officially opened on Sunday by Sir Isaac Wolfson, may become the first in the country to be fully bilingual, the Chief Rabbi, Dr Immanuel Jakobovits, declared at the opening ceremony.

Officiating at the consecration were the Rev S. Black, minister of the Ilford Synagogue, and the Rev J. Skolevsky, its reader. Scriptural verses were read by a number of the pupils.

Speakers included Sir Isaac, who unveiled a plaque; the deputy mayor of Redbridge, Councillor D. Stephens; Mr Tom Iremonger, MP for Ilford North; Mr Stanley Rosslyn, the headmaster; and Mr T. J. Phillips, chairman of the school managers, who presided.

The school was formerly the Stepney Jewish School, which transferred to Ilford last year and which would have celebrated its centenary this year.

A Chief Rabbi's semicha is challenged

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The rabbinical credentials of Moscow's aged Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin have been publicly challenged for the first time by an acknowledged expert on Soviet-Jewish affairs in London.

Chief Rabbi Levin, who is 77, has on several occasions been called on by the Soviet authorities to attest to the absence of Jewish discrimination in Russia, as well as to co-ordinate as "chief" of official antisemitism.

Addressing a "brain" trust on Soviet Jewry, arranged last week by the B'nai B'rith, Mr Chimen Abramsky, reader in modern Jewish history at University College, London, questioned the rabbinical qualifications of the man who has occupied the office of Chief Rabbi in Moscow since the death of Rabbi Shlomo Schiller in 1957.

Mr Abramsky, a son of Dayan Yecheskel Abramsky (the former senior dayan of the London Beth Din, who now lives in Israel), said that he had it on very reliable authority that nothing was known of Chief Rabbi Levin having received semicha (rabbinical diploma).

New journal launched

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Soviet Jewish Affairs, the first journal of academic standard dealing with Jewish problems in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, was launched last week by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

The journal will appear twice a year and replaces a bulletin on the same topic published since January, 1968. Its editor is Mr Jacob Miller, formerly senior lecturer in Soviet institutions at Glasgow University.

The first issue includes an English translation of the complete text of the fourth number of Exodus, a Soviet Jewish underground publication.

Why American airmen are marrying out

By GERALD SMITH and MICHAEL FREEDLAND

A large proportion of American Jewish airmen stationed in Britain are either married out, are intending to do so, or are at camp with non-Jewish girls. This was revealed to the Chronicle by the chaplain responsible for the spiritual and welfare of the Jewish airmen at the bases.

Captain Chaim Scheritz, a young officer and former student, who is reading for a degree in philosophy, at his base's chaplaincy building, Ruislip, Suffolk, told us this depressing story.

Throughout the many years in Britain are, he said, 150 Jewish airmen, but are single, aged between 18 and 26. Those who are married are here with their families.

"The airmen must register their religion on joining the Service and I would not think it likely that a Jewish airman would put himself down as anything else—although I suppose it is possible."

Another factor which leads to "opting out" is that the bases are not near any centre which has an established Jewish community.

One 19-year-old Jewish airman at Ruislip said: "I have tried to make contact with Jewish organisations in London, but no one seems to want to know."

"They are all concerned with their own members and don't want to be bothered with a stranger. I can understand that—but why should I go out of my way to mix with Jewish people? I don't want to push myself, do I?"

Rabbi Sylvan Kannens, who was 118 Air Force chaplain in Britain from 1941 to 1949, said: "This last

and families had, in the past, been married in America before being posted overseas. Captain Scheritz arrived in Britain 18 months ago, nearly two years ago he came to him for permission to marry non-Jewish women and of them from villages and took them back to his base as GI brides.

Captain Scheritz blames parents' situation. Not enough, he declares, is put on Jewish education at home. The boys leave and join the Air Force with no knowledge of Judaism or Jewish history and, as a result, they are from the fold once they are servicemen.

The story is always the same. From the neighbouring towns villages come to the bases far away from the fold once they are servicemen.

"Until the outbreak of the Second World War the Chief Rabbi of Moscow was a shochet somewhere in Ukraine. He emerged from obscurity only after the war, following the death of Rabbi Scheritz, whose own rabbinical credentials were over in the United States."

"Had I been in the United States during Chief Rabbi Levin's time, I would have only a few words to say about him, a few personal criticisms myself," Mr Abramsky said.

Other members of the panel were Mr Jack Miller, editor of Soviet Jewish Affairs, the journal of the Institute of Jewish Affairs and the Institute's director, Dr Roth.

He said that he was asked to join a good Jewish home when he wished to marry a Jewish girl. He could not understand why he should object, said Captain Scheritz.

He added that a number of the airmen tended to hide their Jewishness. Many put themselves down as Protestant or Roman Catholic.

He recently led to an embarrassing and fragile situation. A Jewish airman died and was buried in a Christian grave. His parents asked the rabbi why this happened and were shocked to learn the reason.

He told the reason. The airman was a US Third Army spokesman at Ruislip. There are about 1,500 married between American and English girls each year.

Before any marriage can take place there has to be a search of the airman and his wife. This is absolutely common and every Jewish airman has to go through this search.

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Airman Stephen Groll

always been a problem. One always had to go out and look for the Jewish Servicemen.

"But once one organised services for them and held functions, like at Channell, they seemed to come and the contact made was usually retained."

Officers are so different in their approach to the problem. A senior officer at one camp is planning to marry out, the chaplain told us.

Occasionally, there is a glimmer of light in the depressing story. Stephen Groll, for example, a 21-year-old airman at Ruislip, has just returned from Vietnam. He became religious and now walks about the camp wearing a yarmulka.

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Sanctuary recalled at Sandwich

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Former Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany gathered on Sunday to pay tribute to the town which saved their lives.

For one afternoon, the curious winding streets of the medieval English town of Sandwich, one of the Cinque Ports, rang to the music of Continental accents of those who remembered it as a sanctuary over 30 years ago.

At a simple ceremony by the Old Toll Bridge, a memorial plaque was unveiled by the sole surviving founder-member of the Sandwich Jewish community, Mr Julian Layton, to commemorate the camp which in 1938-40 provided a home for some 5,000 Jews who fled from Nazi persecution.

The ceremony was opened by Mr L. Lew, a former staff member of the camp, who later became a captain in the British Army. He recalled the events leading up to the camp's establishment following the notorious "Crystal Night" in Berlin in November, 1938.

The Rev Dr Isaac Levy, chaplain to the Hitchborough Prison Camp after the outbreak of war, recalled some of the sad moments at the camp, particularly during Passover, when the men's thoughts

"swayed away from Hitchborough and over the Channel, wondering how many of their relatives would survive."

The Mayor of Sandwich, Councillor Mrs C. J. Maughan, summed up the event by remarking: "What Sandwich did for the refugees was what anyone with a heart would have done for anybody. Sandwich has a reputation for having a good heart."

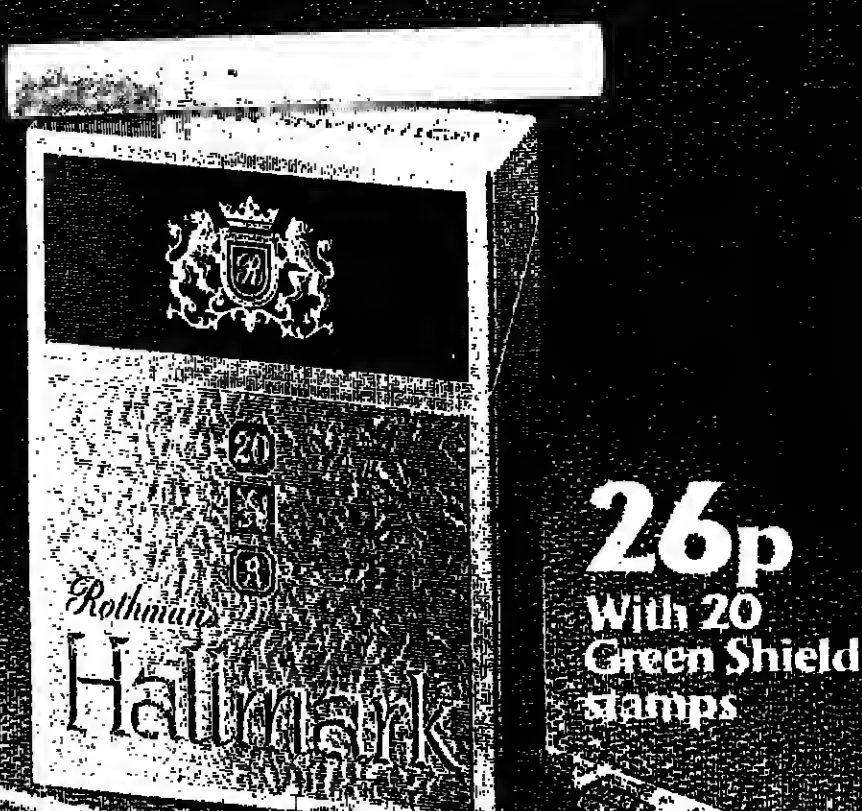
Peace award

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

World Orf is one of three organisations to receive the first Cardinal Angelus Bona award for "exceptional merits in the promotion of peace and progress and the influence of social justice within the human community."

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Radical scheme to enliven services

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Chief Rabbi Jakobovits is planning to appoint a chazan as a "services counsellor" to advise congregations in Greater London on how to enliven synagogue services.

The plan is contained in a memorandum on services circulated to all synagogues following the Chief Rabbi's recent pronouncements on the subject of the association of chazanim.

Dr Jakobovits' scheme is based on the consideration that the present social climate, as well as the classic traditions of Judaism, demand that worshippers be involved as participants in services and not merely as onlookers "attending a performance."

Every Jew, he believes, should be competent to conduct services, at least to the extent of leading a simple afternoon or evening service and to recite from the Torah or the Haftara.

"Every service should be a unique religious experience, offering some insights, some instruction and variation to make today's service different from and more enriching than yesterday's," according to the memorandum.

There should be no act of worship without some study and learning; active participation of young people and children could immensely enhance the charm and attractiveness of services.

The Chief Rabbi urges the promotion of congregational singing, with congregants trained in some of the popular tunes. Competent people, moreover, should be encouraged to conduct afternoon and other services, provided their religious worthiness and ability are certified by the minister. Here, the Chief Rabbi gives authority to ministers to grant such approval.

The concluding part of the Shabbat service should be conducted at least once a month by young people, including boys under the age of 13, provided they are Sabbath observers and able to read and intone prayers correctly.

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The Chief Rabbi is asking ministers to preface the reading of both the Torah and the Haftara with a five-minute talk. Once a month, and on festivals, a five-minute talk on a selected prayer should also be given.

Occasionally, these talks should be given by young people, provided they have been adequately prepared.

Of the 21 hours to which, according to the Chief Rabbi, the routine Sabbath service should be limited, 30 minutes should be allowed for the sermon and scriptural and liturgical interpretations. The reading of the Law should not exceed 40 minutes; silyot on Sabbaths should be strictly limited to seven (plus maffir) and, in exceptional cases, to a maximum of ten.

Special regular classes should be established on a congregational or regional basis to promote participation in and appreciation of synagogue services. Others should deal with the history, structure and significance of Jewish liturgy.

The reader should endeavour to establish a volunteer choir of members and their sons, augmenting or replacing professional chorists.

Special classes should be set up for fathers of barmitzveh boys so that they can familiarise themselves with the service and with the laying of tefillin.

Every congregation should set up a "services committee," acting as a sub-committee of the board of management, to keep the synagogue service "under constant review."

Yet, at the same time, the permissive society offered opportunities to the council. In the new atmosphere of frankness it was possible to speak openly about aspects of Judaism such as mikva and birth control. In an age of confusion some young people were beginning to seek firm anchorage and the council had to give positive guidance.

The challenges facing the council were ever more insistent, he declared. The permissive society advocated the rejection of old codes and standards. Recent years had seen permissiveness in sex



Members of the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations marching on Tuesday to the Soviet Embassy in London.

Government concern over trials

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The British Government recognises the feelings which have been expressed against the show trials of Jews in Russia and, although they are gravely concerned, have no standing to intervene officially.

This was the effect of statements by Mr Joseph Golder, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, in Parliament on Monday. He was replying to Mr Greville Janner, who asked the Government to make representations in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Mr Golder pointed out that the Soviet Union did not support the declaration when it was adopted in 1948. It was, therefore, not the best basis for an approach to Russia on this matter.

"The Soviet Government are well aware of our views, which were repeated by the British delegate to the Commission on Human Rights at Geneva in March," he added.

The continuing round of Soviet trials was raised with a Soviet delegation in Jersey in a 45-minute talk with Mr Graham Hirschfield, a member of the Universities Committee for Soviet Jewry, who lives on the island. The discussion was widely reported in the local press and television.

The first secretary of the Soviet

Embassy in London, Mr Filatov, told Mr Hirschfield that his wife, who is Jewish, did not suffer any discrimination. Pressed about the lack of Jewish religious facilities in Russia, he asserted that there were only four synagogues in London.

East European anti-Communist exiles have been told to emulate British Jewry in their campaign on behalf of their own oppressed nationalities within the Soviet Union. At a brain trust arranged by the (Ukrainian) Mazepa Society last week, Mr Poles Roddaway, expert in Soviet affairs at the London School of Economics, praised the Jewish community here for its achievement in getting the national press and British public opinion generally interested in the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Mr Michael Roberts, MP, presented a petition to the Soviet Embassy on behalf of Cardiff Jewry. The Glasgow Jewish Representative Council has sent a cable of protest over the treatment of Mrs Raiza Palatnik to the Soviet Premier, Mr Kosygin. On Tuesday, the Association of

Jewish Women's Organisations held a rally at Speakers' Corner to test against the trials. A procession then marched to the Russian Embassy, where a protest was held. An anti-Communist spokesman stated, however, the staff had no interest in the proceedings inside the Embassy.

More than 1,000 women are expected to attend the rally, which is about 300 ft. One of the demonstrators attributed the lack of interest to the fact that the demonstration coincided with the Rose Day and that many were helping in hospitals.

An all-night vigil was held outside the Soviet Embassy at Tuesday by members of the

A three-day seminar on Jewry is to be held in the next week by the U.S.S.R.'s new joint chairman, Mr. K. Howard Golding. Students from most of the universities are expected to take part.

The seminar is the first programme designed to universities' campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewry on a campus basis and to involve all students in its activities. A Soviet Jewry Week is to be held at all universities from September 14.

Council combating permissiveness

£3,000 gift to Avivim

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A cheque for £3,000 to Anglo-Jewish Rehabilitation Fund at Avivim, Israel, was presented to Chief Rabbi Jakobovits at the 21st annual meeting of Hagedolim Charitable Organisation in London last week.

Another cheque, for £2,000 given to Mrs M. Steinberg, behalf of the Rishon LeZion Sclerotic Aid Group.

Mr L. Dunin, president of the fund, stated that during the year 21 charities had been helped from the work of the organisation.

The Chief Rabbi declared it was gratifying to know these days of forgetfulness, there were still people who remembered the tragedy of 20 people were injured and bus was ambushed by Arab terrorists.

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education, where the tendencies were to vulgarise and trivialise sex; pre-marital sex, which was widely practised and condoned; adultery, which was becoming in some circles a suburban sport; and mixed marriage, which would have bound to increase still further the more the community took it for granted and failed to combat it effectively.

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The following were elected: Rabbi Raymond Apple, chairman; Rabbi B. J. Gelles and Mrs M. Carr, vice-chairmen; Mrs L. Grahame and Mrs A. Winegarten, joint treasurers; Mr L. Finn and Mrs N. Kornbluth, joint hon. secretaries.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Will the Government reflate economy?

By our City Editor

Last week's key decision by some leading finance houses to take the matter of easier hire purchase terms into their own hands by reducing the minimum deposit figure is widely recognised as the first step towards more relaxed monetary policies.

Under this revolutionary move the finance houses decided to ask for just 25 per cent as a deposit on a product like motor cars, side-stepping the Government requirement of 40 per cent.

For some time now the Government has been under increasing pressure to reflate the economy by relaxing HP restrictions. But this move by the finance houses suggests that they are keen to operate under freer conditions and, subject to extreme times of national stress, let the existing voluntary agreement with the Government over hire purchase lapse.

Understandably the motor industry and others which will directly benefit from the less stringent policies welcomed the move. But it raises the question of whether the Government will follow suit. It has the excuse and need only take the hint given by the finance houses and start reflation the economy.

It will not only be the consumer industries that would welcome such a move—we all would. Mr John Simpson, chairman of United Drapery Stores, reveals in his yearly message to shareholders that sales in the opening 17 weeks of the present year have risen by more than 10 per cent on the corresponding period.

This reduction in SET, Mr Simpson states, will mean a useful £400,000 cut in this bill in the current year end, when fully scrapped, will mean £700,000.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Brokers, Paul E. Schweder Miller & Co., are arranging a placing of 500,000 10p shares in Commodore Securities, a fast developing banking and finance company. The placing price is 40p per share. Formed six years ago by Mr Frank Collis, Commodore emerges from the "shell" of the old Bertram Mills Circus and as a measure of the company's standing the Charles Wolfson Foundation Trust has taken a 12 per cent share holding in exchange for a £14 million loan spread over 3 years. Commodore expect 1971 profits to maintain the recent growth trend and reach £180,000 against 1970's £125,000. On that basis a 12 1/2 per cent dividend is promised offering initial buyers a 3.12 per cent yield which seems the least of the attractions.

Dividend total at Tesco is being raised once again. The final of 17 1/2 per cent takes the total from 27 1/2 to 32 per cent on pre-tax profits £1.8 million up at £13.6 million. Turnover since the start of the new

financial year has been running significantly ahead of the corresponding period and the group is still actively continuing its expansion programme. This year a further 84 stores are planned adding an additional 500,000 sq. feet of selling space. At the same time Tesco is investigating the possibility of breaking into the European market which the board see as a logical extension of their planned expansion. Tesco shares have long been held in high regard on the stock market and there seems no reason why they should not continue to be so. Present price is 60p.

The William Hill Organisation is forecasting a minimum rise of 10 points in the current year dividend total. Predicting this with the pub-

Against this background the non-assures his members that can look forward to the continued growth.

Commenting on last year's profits of £15.99 million, Mr Simpson says they showed the effect of rationalisation and developments. Additionally, he is confident that "greater head-are yet to secure in respect of existing plans for further development and expansion."

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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH	PROFIT BEFORE TAX	PROFIT AFTER TAX
1967	£187,071	£116,634
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book reviews

Poems for pleasure

VERNON SCANNELL

YOUNG BRITISH POETS. Edited by Jeremy Robson. Chelton. £1.50.
MAGIC APPLE TREE. By Elaine Fainstain. Hutchinson. £1.50.
THE RECORD. By Bernard Kope. Sackar & Warburg. £1.50.
POEMS. By Michael Horowitz. New Departures. 30p.

"The Young British Poets" is a very important book because, without any breast-feeding, it makes a convinced poet of the young.

Among the tough viability of the young, traditional English poetry is demonstrating how rich and varied is the work this tradition can accommodate.

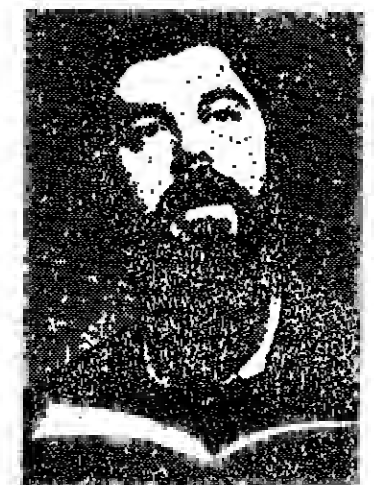
Jeremy Robson has made a resplendent and intelligent selection from the work of 23 poets in their twenties or early thirties who have not allowed his judgment to be affected by trends or fashions.

That his anthology shows a wide range of styles, despite the fact that it is a selection, is a tribute to the editor's taste. It is not more, good poetry is always at any time in this country. Some of it is very fine indeed, including the work of Peter Harrison, Seamus Heaney, Mark Haddon and Jon Stallworthy, to mention only a handful of the very fine poets who are now writing in this country.

Prints just under £500,000 are revealed by the field Properties and a field of 10 per cent later.

he levelled at Rohson's anthology is that some of the poets seem unwilling to take risks, to attempt the grand themes in the grand style. Indeed, there are few poets of any age who show this kind of courage, which can so easily lead them into the dangerous waters of grandiloquence and inflated abstraction.

Jon Silkin is a poet who has never wasted his time and creat-



Jon Silkin

Life of Saadia

LOUIS JACOBS

SAADIA GAON HIS LIFE AND WORKS. By Henry Maltz. Harmon Press, N.Y.
STRENGTHENED. By Isaac of Troki, translated Mosas Mocatta, introduction by Trude Weiss-Rosmarin. Ktav, N.Y.
POEMS IN HEBREW ASTRONOMY AND MATHEMATICS. By Solomon ibn Gabirol, introduction by Shlomo Sternberg. Ktav, N.Y.
SONNETS AND ABRABANEL ON PROPHECY. By Alvin Jay Raines. New Union College Press, Cincinnati.

Henry Maltz's book first appeared in 1928. It is a model of scholarly research: comprehensive, analytical and clear.

Part I contains a biography of the famous Gaon. (The lengthy work on the form of the hero's personality is typical of Maltz's approach.) Part II gives a detailed description of Saadia's work and its influence on subsequent thought. Part III is a bibliography and surveys all that has been written on Saadia.

It is hard to avoid superlatives when reviewing such a book as this. It is, however, a pity that the London Press did not see fit to add a note about the work done on Saadia since Maltz's work, the collection of essays which appeared to mark the 100th anniversary of Saadia's death in 942.

"Fifth Strengthened" (Chizuk) is probably the most famous work there is in defence of Judaism against Christian polemic. It was composed by a Jew, Isaac b. Abraham, of the town near Vilna, in the sixteenth century.

The English translation, by Dr. Isaac H. Weiss, a Londoner, was published in 1907. It is a masterpiece of scholarship and is now largely of historical interest. It was composed by a Jew, Isaac b. Abraham, of the town near Vilna, in the sixteenth century.

At the time of its composition, the Jews of the Diaspora did not seek to escape their exile, on the contrary, they were proud of it. It was not until the late nineteenth century that the Jewish community began to feel the need to assimilate into the surrounding culture.

Introducing the work itself, Maltz's translation and pro-

vides further bibliographical references. The essays by Solomon Gandz (1897-1954) cover such topics as Talmudic astronomy and mathematics, Saadia's work as a mathematician, and the zodiacal light in ancient Hebrew literature. The essay by the professor of mathematics at Harvard, and evidently a traditional Talmudist of distinction, discusses important legal questions connected with the calendar, e.g., the date of the second day of Yomtov, but, though interesting in itself, this hardly qualifies as the "introduction" it purports to be to Gandz's work.

Many of the chapters of Professor Raines's work appeared originally in successive issues of the Hebrew Union College Annual.

Don Isaac Abraham (1437-1508) wrote a Commentary to Maimonides' "Guide for the Perplexed". Raines has translated the sections of this commentary which deal with prophecy and has supplied numerous introductions and notes making clear the basic differences in approach to understanding the nature of prophecy between Maimonides' rationalism and Abraham's traditionalism.

Raines observes that, from the confrontation and radical disagreement between the two thinkers, "our attention is forcefully drawn again to the true nature of the Jewish continuum: it is not a Jewish homogeneity, flow through the ages, but a strong current, reflecting the turbulence of religious and intellectual diversity that is the core of authentic human existence itself."

"For the Record" contains a dozen poems reprinted from Bernard Kope's earlier collection, "Eerie I went to Read You Something," among them the excellent "Shiloh Bomb" with its delectable counterpoint against the dark unsated fear of the other Bomb. Among the newer poems, I was moved by the controlled, understated passion of the poem which gives the collection its title and by the compelling cadences of "By the Waters" and "River-walk." An engaging volume by a poet who has as authentic lyric gift.

The Death of the Family, by David Cooper (Allen Lane/Penguin), £1.20. One of the New Left's leading gurus expounds his thesis that, for the new family to emerge, the old bourgeois family must first disappear. The author is a psychiatrist by profession and this book will well reward the multiplication of candidates for his services. If this is the best the New Left has to offer, then the age of capitalism can sleep easily.

Israel Between East and West, by Raphael Patai (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn., USA, \$12). This is the second edition of an important work first published in 1953. Dealing with the complex relations between the Jewish people and the Arab world, it does with Oriental and Arab relations in a particularly relevant way. Dr. Patai's book is a masterpiece of scholarship and is a must for all who are interested in the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East.

The Will to Meaning: Foundations and Applications of Logotherapy, by Viktor E. Frankl (Schocken, £1.75). The author, founder of the school of logotherapy, pursues his belief that the "will to meaning" is the most important of the human motives. He argues that the "will to meaning" is the most important of the human motives. He argues that the "will to meaning" is the most important of the human motives.

The Ra Expeditions by Thor Heyerdahl (Allen Lane, £3.50). The story of the author's historic voyages across the Atlantic in a papyrus boat modelled on those used by the ancient Egyptians is a masterpiece of adventure and scholarship. It is a must for all who are interested in the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East.

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woman's pages

There but for the grace of God

RUTH FINCH

At the beginning of this century, my grandparents began a new life in England, leaving a part of Eastern Europe that was either Poland or Russia.

In Liverpool many Jews have a similar background. So, but for the grace of God, I and many of us might now be suffering the fate of Raiza Palatnik, of Odessa, on trial this week for the crime of wanting to live as a Jewish woman.

Is this the reason why I and so many women assemble opposite St. George's Hall on a cold June afternoon, under a grey sky which threatens rain, a blustery wind which tears at our home-made banners and posters and bends them so that they are difficult to read? It is always windy in this part of Liverpool, near Lime Street.

A prominent male member of our community requested nervously that we act with dignity. What does he imagine we might do?

Passers-by are handed leaflets, telling Raiza's story. They seem quite eager to take them. Maybe there is something unusual about this demonstration, all women in dark clothes.

Liverpool, says the nice police officer, is biased about marches and demonstrations. There is one nearly every day. It seems, but these are usually of strikers, demanding more of something, so perhaps ours is unusual, a cry for justice for somebody who is not actually oneself.

There but for the grace of God. This must be part of the reason why I came today, so in that case why are there not more of us here? One reason for non-attendance is that it doesn't do any good to demonstrate. But it does. It must. The efforts of the London 35s certainly helped to ease Raiza's prison conditions. And the Russians have said

to be sensitive about their "image." Funny, this. Like a murderer caring about the way he drops his alibi.

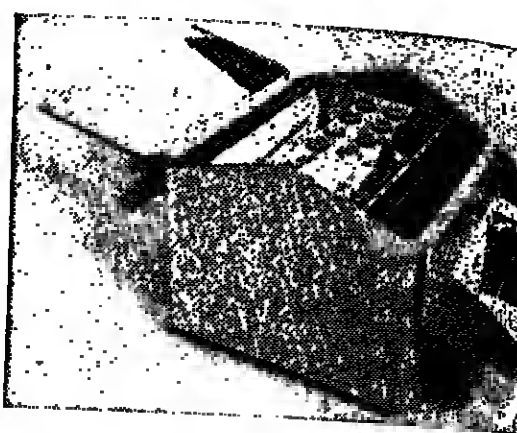
Perhaps more efforts on our part might further help Raiza and other Russian Jews? The slightest chance of this must impel one to come, surely?

A press photographer comes. Automatically we smile and he tells us this is unsuitable. We try to stop our posters shaking in the wind, and look alert. I think of women all over the country arranging demonstrations for the Russian Jews and of the 35s to London, and I wonder how many of us here are 35.

I suspect the majority are older. We have been here for over an hour now. The photographer goes. From across the road we see the comings and goings of the courts in St. George's Hall. Somebody gives a leaflet to a man in pin-striped trousers. Later we are asked for more, as the judge would like one. It is all very encouraging and British. Nobody tries to stop us from expressing our opinions.

People begin to leave; it is time to pick up the children from school, and anyway the press has gone. A young man comes up and I give him a leaflet. "Is there going to be a Demo?" he says, smiling all over his thin face which is surrounded by a great frame of hair.

I feel middle-aged again, realising that to some, "demos" are fun, and when I was young we didn't know the word at all. But maybe today somebody who has seen us and read our posters and a leaflet will get a new insight into the truth. "Judge not thy neighbour until thou art come into his place," said Hillel. Just imagine yourself in his (or her) place. There but for the grace of God. . .



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'Agency reconstruction

THE JERUSALEM agreement reconstituting the Jewish Agency within a broader framework is a further step in the quest for a realistic and constructive basis for co-operation between Israel and the diaspora. If previous efforts were less than successful, it would be facile to blame political or vested interests. Because the Jewish State is unique in many ways, not least in its relationship with Jews the world over, there is no ready-made recipe to hand. The World Zionist Organisation and its alter ego, the Jewish Agency, were there with their hands on the levers of power when the State emerged. It is only natural, therefore, that the first two decades should have been dominated by attempts to retain them and adapt them to current needs.

However great the temptation to hope that this latest bid will be more fortunate, there are nevertheless considerable grounds for doubt. The Agency is an Israel-centric institution. It is situated in Israel where the bulk of its work is both performed and directed. Its staff is overwhelmingly Israeli, appointed in accordance with that most Israeli of institutions, the "parly ley," and loyal to its parly affiliations. Some Jewish Agency departments have already been taken over by the Government and an extension of this process cannot be ruled out. It cannot therefore be seriously ex-

pected that the Jewish Agency could be responsive to a board of management in the diaspora assembling for brief meetings and then dispersing again.

The impulse which led the Jerusalem conference to divide the World Zionist Organisation and the Jewish Agency was a sound one. But the attempt was at the same time too ambitious and too modest. It was too ambitious in that it sought to ascribe a fully representative character to what can at best be partial, given the plurality of Jewish life. It was too modest in that it has yet to assert the diaspora's status in its dealings with and work for Israel.

The best organisational forms for achieving the most active, fruitful and reciprocal relationships between Israel and the rest of Jewry will not, by the nature of things, emerge in a single act of creation. Institutions are organic things and have a time scale of their own within which they can evolve. The Jerusalem conference's main achievement was to place the issue squarely on the agenda and give notice that major structural modifications are to begin. There are already excellent lines of communication from Israel to the diaspora. A complementary institution to represent the diaspora's legitimate interests in Israel is still the gap which has to be filled.

Strikes in Israel

The strikes which have been taking place in Israel, in the hospital services, among customs officers and electricity workers and elsewhere, are a source of some concern. As long as there is no peace, Israel remains under a terribly heavy defence burden. This contributes to inflationary pressures, and the principal sufferers are inevitably the lower-paid workers. On the whole, the Israeli Government has been remarkably successful in limiting price increases, and wage claims have been much more moderate than in Britain—when they could, with some justification, have been much more radical.

The most vexed question at the moment appears to be the wage claims of staff in Government-controlled hospitals. Their case is that their wages are lower than those of staff in hospital-run hospitals. This has some validity. Israel's survival depends on the marrying of governmental discretion with the self-discipline of the community as a whole.

Links with Russia

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban, has stated that his Government is ready to discuss the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Relations between the two countries were severed by the Soviet Union at the time of the Six-Day War without any adequate reason. Since then the Soviet Union has carried out the massive rearmament of Egypt and other Arab countries, has established what looks like becoming a lasting Soviet military presence in the Middle East, and has signed a fifteen-year treaty with Egypt. The Soviet Union may well consider that the resumption of relations with Israel will further consolidate its position in the Middle East. It can use them as a lever in maintaining a degree of Arab dependence and can attempt to exert direct diplomatic pressure on Israel. The Soviet leaders may have become aware of the old truism, that

there is no advantage in being own-tongued in diplomatic activity. From Israel's point of view, the resumption of relations with the Union would, on balance, be a wearisome business, but persistence can sometimes bring Israel's views are best expressed in an absurd anomaly that the States of the United Nations enjoy relations with one another, restoring them with Israel the Union could undo some of the caused by unilaterally breaking in the first place.

Infallible leader

In a comment in these columns weeks ago, the governors of the College were charged with being in their manner of appointing a headmaster. Our criticism was directed at their eventual choice, but at their ineptitude in appointing a man of calibre to understand the appointment had been offered only to disabuse them subsequent Henry Harris, the chairman of the governors, did not see fit to make the time to the reasoned editorial comment. He chose to attack the Jewish Chronicle's College's Speech Day by the presence of a Minister of Education, using us of unspecified "ability." It is common form to point out that when some error of judgment or act of incompetence is pointed out by the press, the response is almost invariably of "irresponsibility" for the report and comment on the part of those who evidently believe it to be above criticism. This reaction merely tends to make the original charges that the governors as at present are inadequate. It again raises the question of a more experienced group would not be helpful to a new and inexperienced master as well as in restoring among parents and the community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clause 43 and after

Sir,—Mr Landon in his letter in your June 18 issue, like the man who tall between two stools, seeks to put the blame on somebody else. To do so he quotes the last paragraph of my letter of February 25, 1971. By deliberately omitting to cite the remainder of my letter he gives it a meaning diametrically opposed to what it was intended to convey.

He did the same thing at the Board of Deputies meeting. Justice and truth now demand that you publish the rest of my letter which reads as follows:

"I thought at that time to put down a motion similar to yours. I have, however, given the matter most careful consideration, and I have come to the conclusion that to remove Clause 43 would create more problems than it solves."

There are other changes involved and other matters of a religious nature to consider. I won't enumerate them to you in a short letter—I am sure, however, that neither you nor I would wish secularisation to proceed in a manner that might appear to be offering a rebuff to the Chief Rabbi and to the Rabbanim. The whole matter requires a long cool head if possible by a committee. In the meantime, I would beg that you try to preserve the status quo."

SALAMUND S. LEVIN
72 Bridge Lane, NW11.

Board's Status

Sir,—Separate not myself from the congregation. ("Ethics of the Fathers" 2, verse 31, Rabbi Hillel's wise exhortation may well be addressed to the dissident members of the Board of Deputies who threaten to resign, and I do not consider that the proposed amendment of Clause 43 can solve the impasse which has arisen.

It is, of course, accepted that the board is a secular body and, quite properly, does not interfere with matters which fall within the ambit of the ecclesiastical authorities. However, circum-

stances can arise when it becomes necessary for united action to be taken against the detractors of basic Jewish principles.

Take, for instance, shechita which, from time to time, becomes the target for attack in Parliament. The Reform and Liberal members of the board could insist, if the amendment is passed, that the board consult their rabbis who, as is well known, attach little importance (if any) to the observance of kashrut.

The board's status would be weakened, for it would not be in a position to claim unanimity of representations. It would be obliged to make, should the occasion arise, to the appropriate Government department.

BARNETT SAMUEL,
Gilak, 14 Beryon Road,
Richmond, Surrey.

A man named Alechvsky

Sir,—In connection with the editing of Dr Weizmann's letters for the period 1914-17, I am anxious to obtain some information about a person named Alechvsky (first name not known), who in 1917 had an interview with a member of the War Cabinet secretariat and is described in a note of the interview as a well-informed Russian Jew.

Despite numerous inquiries, I have been unable to identify Alechvsky. I shall be most grateful for the assistance of any of your readers who may be able to help me.

LEONARD STEIN,
1 Temple Gardens, EC4.

Jews' College meals — Shabbat meals are served in Jews' College refectory, and visitors can make reservations not later than Thursday mid-day by telephoning (723 2241) or by personal visit to the college—Frank T. Levin, executive director, 11 Montagu Place, Montagu Square, W1.

US finances

Sir,—I've duly noted from your June 18 issue that large increases in membership fees of the United Synagogue are to be recommended. Isn't the ecclesiastical establishment aware of the fact that such increases will cause further hardships to old aged pensioners, low wage earners, unemployed and people on low fixed incomes?

It's all very well for these gentlemen, safely ensconced in their ivory towers, to pass the buck in order to balance the books of the sacred establishment. It's crystal clear that an entirely new structure which contains the ingredients of social justice is called for.

If the whole edifice is not to come crashing down in years ahead, it'd be wise to revolutionise the entire system, tinged with compassion and the needs of the common man.

R. WILMERS,
40 Wandstead Gardens, Hants.

Duparc brand

Sir,—The reference in your last week's issue to my brother, Mr Michael Duparc, reminds me of my first assignment for the "JC." I was 14 years old and although short-hand, my father, Mr Morris Duparc, sent me to cover a Sunday afternoon meeting at which the Rev M. Singer was the principal speaker.

Mr Singer was reputed to speak at 200 words per minute. Fortunately I had learned a lot of my father's own special brand of journalistic shorthand which helped. Incidentally, the training I received from my father from a very early age, added to the fact that we were said to have been born "with the taste of printers' ink on our lips," proved of inestimable value to me in a long and varied journalistic career both here and in the USA.

(Mrs) CLARE TEUSCH,
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The Six and ME policy

Sir,—I agree with my friend Terence Pringle in his article in your June 11 issue entitled "Bonn and Jerusalem" in deploring the implications of the statement made by the six countries of the Common Market on the Middle East situation, which was tantamount to endorsing the "so-called Rogers Plan." But I totally disagree with his subsequent comment.

In effect, he said that it was unnecessary for them "to make a statement at all on a foreign policy issue altogether remote from their normal concerns." Naturally I endorse what he states about the "extra-special relationship between Bonn and Jerusalem."

But with the likelihood of the Six becoming the Ten, it is imperative that in Western Europe, which incidentally will include the United Kingdom, Denmark and Norway, there should in the future be no question of "French-sponsored" statements. It is high time that Western Europe clarified its Middle East policy: no single country can compete with the USSR or the USA, nor hopefully Western Europe may be able to add a third voice.

No doubt, at present such a voice is "remote" from their normal concerns. But statesmanship requires vision and those of us who have worked for closer European unity are not solely concerned with butter, sugar and sterling—important as they are.

We visualise over the years concerted action by the hitherto separatist foreign policies of the Six or the Ten, so that the values which we hold in common will be given common expression and, if need be, common action.

This is not the time or place to confederate to particulars. But the sooner Western Europe including the powers washed by the Mediterranean sea declares themselves on the future of Israel and the Middle East, the better.

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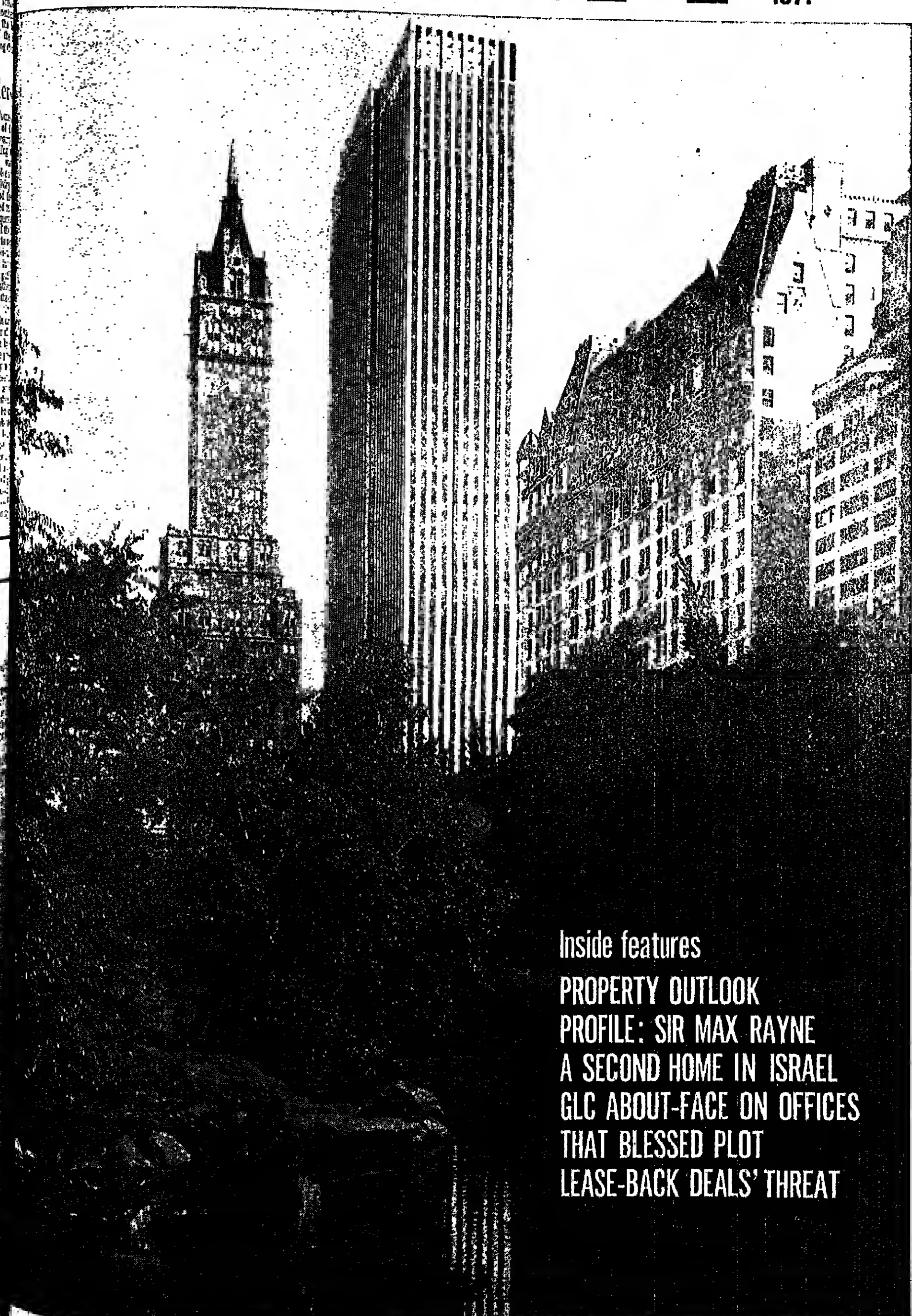
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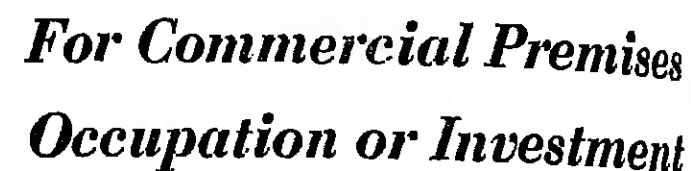
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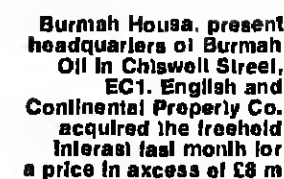
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PROPERTY OUTLOOK

COVER PICTURE
General Molo in
New York

The president's project



thoughts and delay decisions. Meanwhile, the institutional investors have little hesitation in ploughing millions into farming. Sound agricultural investments are snapped up by them with long-term capital appreciation the key factor rather than the immediate yearly yield from rents.

If you don't mind something simple, European Property Service, 51 Brompton Road, SW8, can get you into France for from £1,140 (including the dollar premium). This is the lowest price of a number of village houses they are offering in the Lodeve area behind Montpellier. The district is not far from the Mediterranean, and an hour and a half's drive from the new ski resort at L'Esperou. Their range of this type of property goes up to £8,100. The houses need about 21,000 spent on them, they say, but the vineyard surroundings are picturesque.

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The Brillish tend to take their cultural treasures for granted. VICTOR SMITH writes about Luton Hoo, home of the Warnhar family, which houses an outstanding art collection of both English and Dutch schools: Reynolds, Gainsborough, Hoppner, Rembrandt and others. There is an incomparable collection of Beauvais tapestries and jewelled objects designed by Carl Fabergé, jeweller to the last two Tsars of Russia



The Singing Boy, Franz Hals

LUTON HOO, IN the county of Bedfordshire, is famous not for the house itself but for its fabulous collection of works of art collected by the Wernher family. Once the house, too, was distinguished and beautiful. Designed in 1767 by the fashionable and immensely talented architect of the day, Robert Adam, it contained suites of splendidly decorated rooms and a magnificent library 148 feet long.

There was a manor house there from at least the thirteenth century, when the de Hoo family were in occupation. They remained for three centuries. The property then passed through the hands of a succession of owners until, in 1782, the estate was sold to John Stuart, third Earl of Bute. In 1780 Bute became Prime Minister, but his incompetence and unpopularity led to his downfall in 1783. Although no statesman, Bute was a man of culture and taste and it was he who engaged Adam to build a new house to replace the old, regardless of expense.

At the same time, the prolific "Capability" Brown was engaged to enlarge and landscape the park. By damming the River

The Wernher collection

Lea in two places he constructed two lakes, separated by a heavily wooded island. Although the park was substantially altered by the Victorians, it still remains a fine example of eighteenth-century layout.

In 1803 the estate was purchased by Sir Julius Wernher, and this point marks the beginning of a new era for the house and the development of the great collection of works of art we see today. It also marks the transformation of the house to its present architectural and decorative form.

Sir Julius was an engineer, who had emigrated to South Africa in 1871 and became associated with the diamond industry. While still a young man he started his great art collection and his shrewd discerning taste is apparent at

every turn. He collected pictures and tapestries. The pictures are mainly of the English and Dutch schools. They include superb works by Reynolds, Gainsborough, Hoppner, Rembrandt, Peter de Hooch, Hobbema, and others.

Among the tapestries is the famous Chancelierie, woven at Gobellus in about 1770, with the arms of France and Navarre. One set of chairs and a sofa are covered in Beauvais tapestry, woven about 1788, illustrating scenes from the fables of La Fontaine.

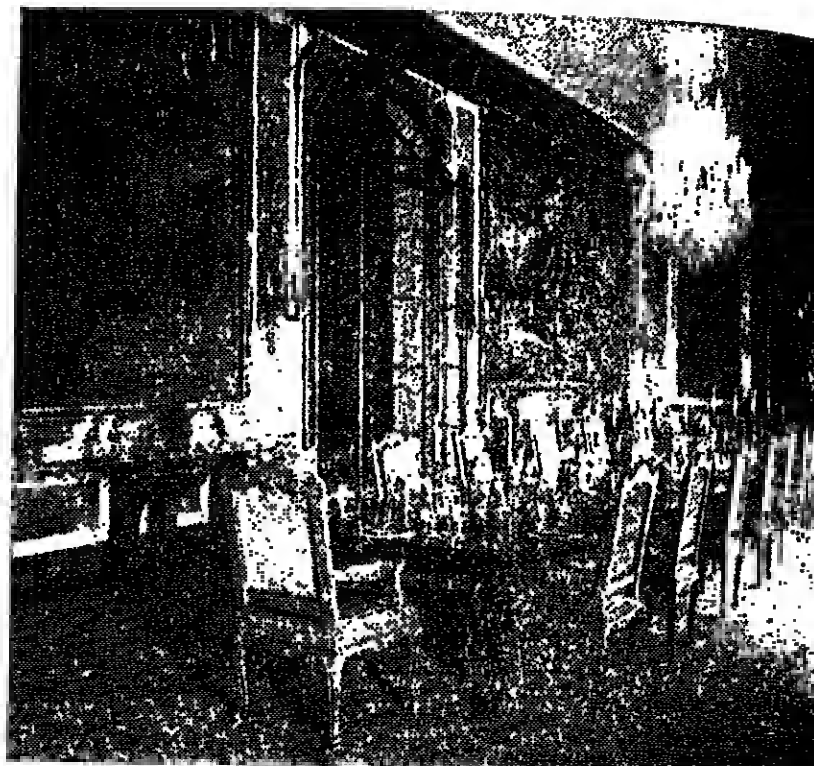
But besides these rather conventional purchases he acquired an incomparable collection of medieval ivories, Renaissance jewels and bronzes, German silver-gilt, Limoges enamels and Italian maiolica. All are of superb quality and only in the Victoria and Albert and the

Wallace collection can one find anything comparable.

The ivories form the most important private collection in the country. They are chiefly religious in subject and range from the works of Byzantine artists of the tenth century to French work of the fourteenth century. The triptychs and other religious pieces were used as aids to devotion and meditation in the Middle Ages.

In 1868 he married Alice Sedgwick Manley, whose lifelong hobby had been the collecting of English porcelain. The collection is displayed in three rooms opening off the Upper Corridor. The first room is devoted to Chelsea and Bow. From 1745 to 1769 the Chelsea factory produced some of the finest work in England.

Sir Julius died in 1912, leaving



Eighteenth-century Beauvais tapestries are a striking feature of Luton Hoo's beauty. The original set was woven for the Comte de Toulouse, a son of Louis XIV, by the Chateau de Rambouillet near Paris

ing Luton Hoo to his wife. She died in 1945, and her son, Sir Harold Wernher, came into possession. She further added to the collection by introducing several examples of English and Dutch pictures.

In 1917 Sir Harold's wife, Lady Anastasia Mordaunt, died. Her daughter, Lady Mordaunt, married into the Grand Duke of Russia and the Countess of Devon. She contributed her collection of works of art to the works of Sir Julius.

Carl Fabergé's main shop, with its intricate staff, was at St. Peter's. He was jeweller to Alexander III and Nicholas II. His work consisted of small, enamelled and jewelled objects. The Wernher collection of Fabergé is unique.

Property finance

THE MONEY, FOR some time faces us all. International companies, the problem is the quantity of the money.

small man, so we are only to open his cup and find the local bank. But, property companies, which use massive amounts of cash, have a much wider field of play and it is in areas that the full skills of financiers are tested.

Property companies have to contend with one credit after another during the few years and their appetites have hardly been whetted by the flow of money coming off the supply conveyor belt.

men who manage property will soon be into their own. The advertising writer is continually

money. So, demand for property is building up and the property companies are hustling to satisfy it. That has too often been by restrictions of one

another. However, property is a commodity that is a wealth of cash and providers of this money are regarded as key men in property operation.

Recent years property companies have turned their attention increasingly towards the City institutions like insurance companies, pension funds and more recently the leading merchant banks.

recognised the potential of property, particularly in times of poor stock markets when every investor, regardless of size, seeks some kind of "hedge" against falling values. Property has often provided that need and the institutions have often provided the cash for the development.

More and more of the big institutions have woken up to the attractions of the property field and it is something of a rarity to find an institutional set-up without the necessary property experts either on call or part of the investment team.

These are the men who have

By the CITY EDITOR

to decide whether millions of pounds are to be raised to finance a particular development and, more specifically, where the cash is to come from.

The institutions can provide a greater part of the requirements with little difficulty — the only problem is for the property companies to convince them that their development is a better proposition than the next.

Having achieved that, the institution and property company can start talks on the vital subject of money.

The most frequent method of raising capital in this way is for the institution to underwrite the property company's debenture, mortgage or other fixed interest stock which in turn would be secured to a particular asset — invariably property.

Metropolitan Estate and Property Corporation have lately used two methods of finance

rating, one being a £31,600,000 rights issue of Convertible Loan Stock and the other £44 million sale of low income residential property for reinvestment in higher yielding commercial properties.

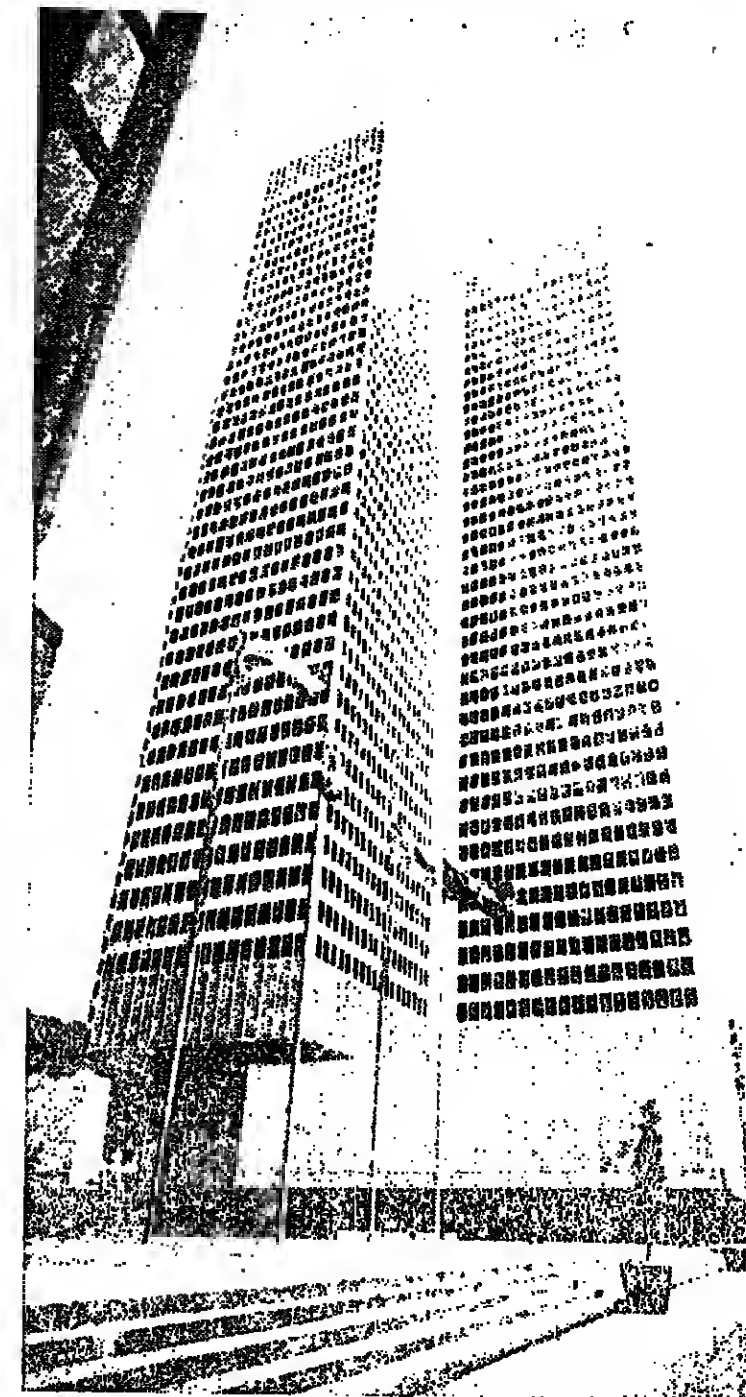
In addition property companies can go a stage further by asking their ordinary shareholders to put up fresh money via a rights issue of either the ordinary shares or the prior charged capital. This, too, is underwritten and again the institutions would play a leading role.

Grand Metropolitan Hotels, whose basic property, recently raised £18 million by a revision of some of its property assets which included the sale and lease-back of an hotel combined with Eurodollar borrowings and a sale of unproductive land.

A third method of finding new sums is the slightly technical lease-back arrangement. In simple terms it means that companies sell a particular site to raise immediate funds which they hope can be better employed elsewhere but at the same time retain involvement with the property by paying straight-forward rents.

Even the small investor can have a say in property finance by way of the fast-growing property bond movement. Millions of pounds has already found its way into property funds and with the aid of the accompanying life assurance benefits there is little indication of anything but more growth in the future.

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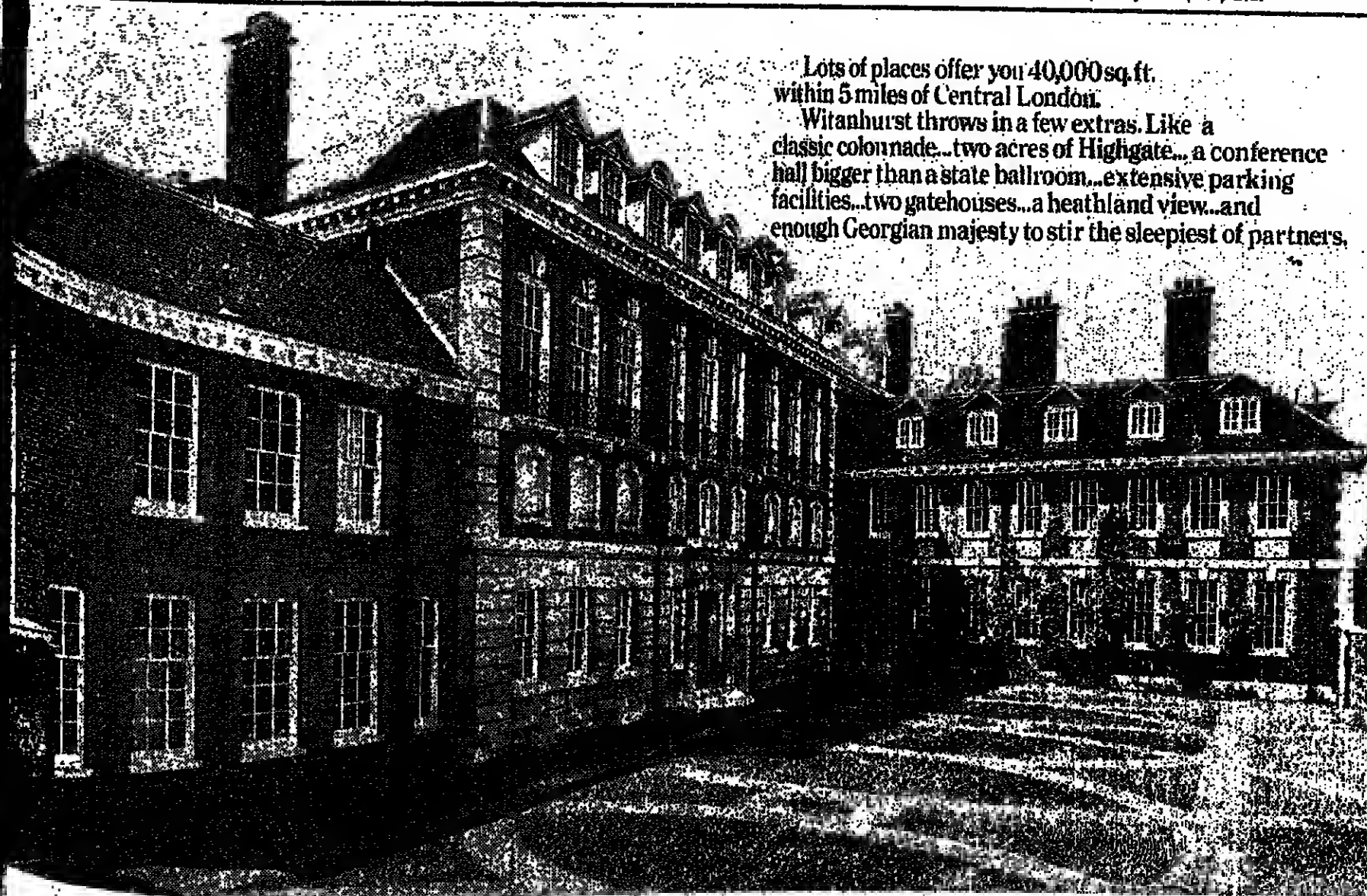


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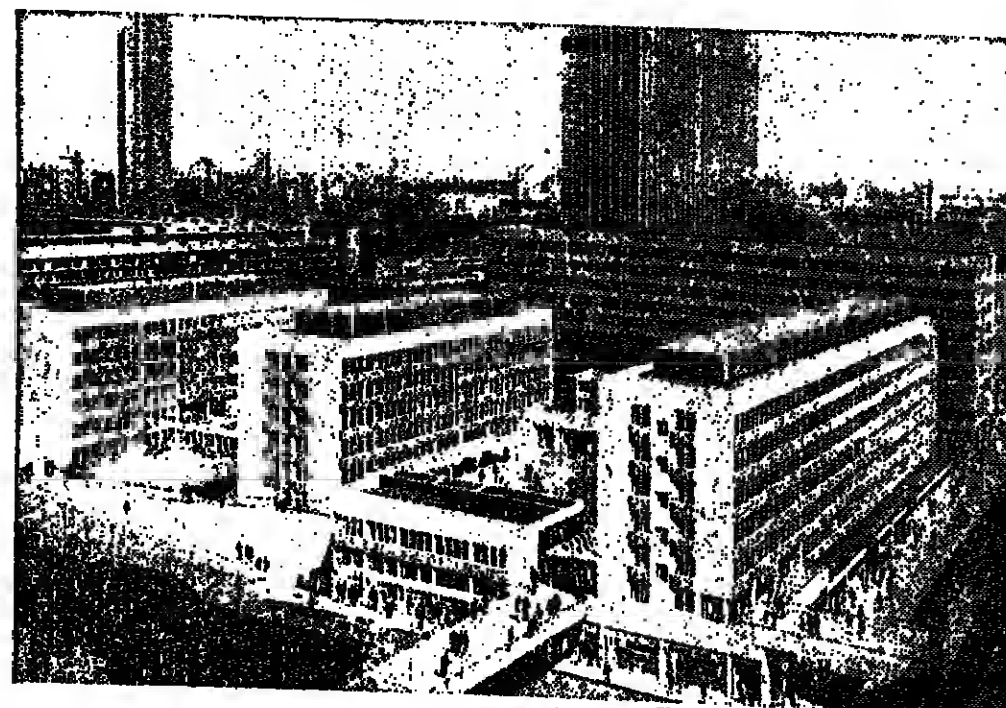
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THE OWNER OF a less-than-four-year-old house in Watford got quite understandably hot under the collar when he discovered that plaster was falling off and cracks were appearing in the walls. After his initial outburst however the owner calmly looked up his NHBRC certificate. A number of inspections established that the faults were caused by an unexpected ground movement. The issuers of the certificate rehoused the unlucky owner at their own expense.

The organisation which provides such comforting prospects for the owners of new houses is in a small and appropriately well-maintained building in Portland Place, London. It is the National House-Builders Registration Council. It was set up in 1936, when a house-building boom had made respectable builders anxious about the unscrupulous practices of some "jerry-builders." In the past eight years, with a new wave of house building, its membership rose from 2,500 to 17,000.

GEORGE GARAI

Builders whom the Council accepts on its register are obliged to meet standards. They are closely watched by the Council and are readily removed from the register when repeatedly found guilty of negligence. Over 98 per cent of all houses built in Britain are controlled by the Council.

Last year for instance it followed the construction of 170,000 dwellings. The registered builders have to report each new building job before beginning work on it. They must subject themselves to spot-checks by the Council's inspectors at least once a month on each building. If the Council is satisfied in the end, it gives the builder a certificate which he then passes on to his customer. The new owner also receives a House Purchaser's Agreement, which is, in fact, a ten-year insurance.

For the first 24 months it guarantees every aspect, and repairs must be made by the builder. For the rest of the ten-year period the Council takes over responsibility, but only for major structural faults. Mr. Anthony Cooper, chief technical officer of the Council, regards this as a fair deal, because minor problems usually appear in the first two years while major structural faults could remain hidden for much longer.

The Council also has a watchdog over the after-sales service. If a chaser is dissatisfied he can appeal to the Council then gives an opinion and, if it is not to the owner's satisfaction, the owner can go further and seek advice from an independent expert.

The Council had to several thousand complaints last year and found 2,500 of them valid. The builder must follow the Council's advice, which is referred to the arbitrator's decision. In 1970, in 85 per cent of the arbitrator's decisions, the Council has a role even at stage. If the builder does not comply with the Council's decision, the Council has a right to sue for the money to recover the money from the builder.

This system has, however, some limitations. It applies to the run-of-the-mill house, mainly to those built in London. For the ten-year insurance cover is limited to the value of the house, which is becoming less and less sufficient in view of rising prices, particularly in the Metropolitan area. But 85 per cent of houses built in Britain last year were still in a price range where the building cost itself is under the ceiling set by the Council.

For those who want a more expensive house the Council's guarantee scheme is not applicable. The building of such houses is the purchaser's responsibility. The purchaser's surveyor do not even have to report to the Council. Some insurance companies, however, do insure against defects in the house, but the purchaser must pay the first £150 on any job.

The Council is prepared to admit its own mistakes. It has opened for instance a publicised case of George Garai's house in Watford. Robert Walker, MP for Watford, this year, the Council's complaint against the builder, which was upheld. The Council's own defective roof on its house, which had been previously certified by its own surveyor, was found to be defective. The Council's own surveyor, who was responsible for the defective roof, was found to be negligent. The Council's own surveyor, who was responsible for the defective roof, was found to be negligent.

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PROPERTY IS THE oldest type of investment known to man. Among the many fascinating personalities thrown up by the fantastic property boom Max Rayne ranks as one of the most arresting pioneers of the many property developers. His claim to this distinction was the almost magic speed with which he rose to success and prominence, and for having achieved it all from nothing and without any training or experience in property.

Rayne's phenomenal ascent to success and wealth was literally a rise from rags to riches and national fame. He was born and bred in an East End slum, the son of a poor Jewish Polish immigrant who made his living by tailoring. Young Max received his early education by having won a scholarship to the Central Foundation Grammar School. He then worked for his father in the family's modest clothing business and after the day's work he attended night law lectures at University College, London.

When war broke out in 1939 Rayne was 21. He joined the RAF in 1940 and left the Air Force in 1946 as a corporal. Rejoining the family business, he persuaded his father to move in larger premises in the hope of expanding his scope. In 1947 they acquired a 21-year lease of a five-storey house in Wigmore Street at a rental of £500 per annum. Very soon they discovered that the premises were unsuitable for their purposes. At this point Rayne accidentally stumbled into office development. He sublet the rooms on the four upper floors, reaping a profit of about £4,000, plus rent free premises for the Raynes.

Encouraged by this fortuitous piece of luck, Rayne managed to obtain a 60-year lease on the premises at an increased rent of £750 a year. To enable him to do this the bank was only too glad to grant a mortgage of £14,000 on the security of the building. This almost accidental

windfall was to prove the cornerstone of Rayne's multi-million property and industrial complex.

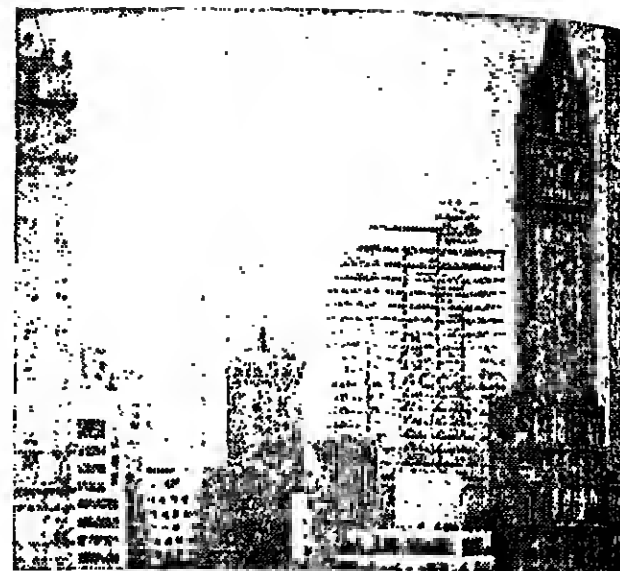
Having savoured the financial allurements of bricks and mortar he plunged into property development. For this purpose he formed with others in 1948 the British Commercial Property Investment Trust Ltd for buying and redeveloping a property at 103 Mount Street. This was Max Rayne's first big transaction financed on a leaseback basis by the prestigious Norwich Union. This deal was the forerunner of many Rayne-conceived development projects backed by this insurance company.

In backing the youthful and practically unknown Rayne, the Norwich Union was acting on

by Rayne with the late Lord Portman.

Early in the 1950s Rayne embarked upon his first major office development deal which proved to be a crucial point in his career. It was a £2 million project represented by an island block at the back of Selfridge. Tenders were invited from developers and by good fortune Rayne's mentor happened to be surveyor to Selfridge's, and the panel of Selfridge's directors selected Rayne.

All was ready for the operation to begin. In the eleventh hour, Marks & Spencer, the prospective tenant, withdrew, having discovered that a larger building more suitable for their purpose had become available. Rayne's scheme was suddenly



SIR MAX RAYNE

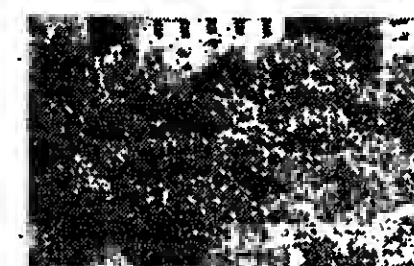
the advice of Sir Edward Gillett, who was a past president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and the senior partner of Daniel Smith Oakley and Garrard, one of London's foremost surveyors. The Mount Street deal presented Rayne with the valuable twin connections of the Norwich Union and Sir Edward Gillett.

Sir Edward also happened to be the surveyor to the Portman family, owners of some of the most valuable properties in the heart of London and in the country. Such was the high regard and confidence in which Sir Edward held Rayne's ability and acumen that his sponsoring steered in Rayne's way two major developments of parts of the Portman estate. This shortly led to the formation of a joint development company

on the brink of disaster. At this critical juncture of his career Rayne revealed his resourcefulness and resilience. The building plans were speedily altered, he found suitable new tenants and by enlisting a 87½ per cent participation by a prominent property development company, and financial backing for the project by the Midland Bank, Rayne averted a highly critical situation and managed to emerge with a profit of about £850,000.

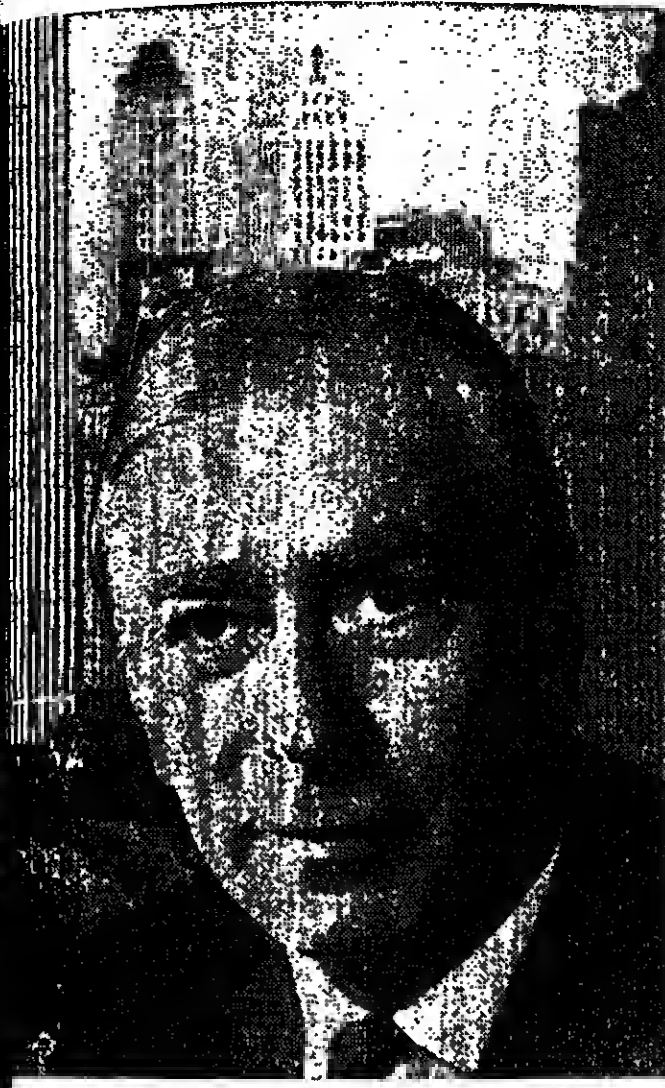
Bigger deals followed in 1955 when the Church Commissioners decided to dispose of their huge Paddington Estate. The property was due to be sold through Daniel Smith Oakley and Garrard, the firm of which Sir Edward Gillett was the senior partner.

By a stroke of imaginative thinking, backed by expertly



marshalled facts and figures, Rayne persuaded the Church Commissioners not to dispose of the 'inherent benefits' of the property. Instead, he proposed to them the granting to him of a building lease on part of the estate for redevelopment in partnership with the Church Commissioners. The attractiveness of the proposition, supported by Sir Edward Gillett's words of praise, ensured the approval of the project. Max Rayne's personal financial involvement was not more

£1,000. The total cost of joint project was £1,350,000. It produced a profit of £5,800,000, half of which accrued to Rayne's company. Though the proposed development of the Paddington Estate was a public knowledge, Rayne was only developer who had the inspiration to conceive and execute the seemingly simple idea. enabled the Commissioners to achieve their object of relinquishing the free-



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This cluster of important companies is grouped into Carlton Industries Ltd, one of the main subsidiaries of London Merchant Securities. Other prime interests within the London Merchant orbit are Invergordon Distillers Ltd, and several other Scottish whisky distilling companies.

Possibly his most spectacular property exploit to date is the General Motors Building, the marble-clad skyscraper erected in co-operation with General

and the tidiness of his mind. There is not the slightest vestige of brashness or flamboyance about him. Indeed, his unaffected and gentle demeanour single him out as Britain's most untypical business giant. Very probably these personal characteristics, coupled with his exceptional business flair, have in no small measure helped him to earn the confidence and goodwill in his dealings with the Establishment.

Max Rayne's business renown is equalled and possibly surpassed by his philanthropic activities. Through the Itynce Foundation set up by him in 1982 he has given away millions to various causes, earning for him in 1969 a knighthood for services to the arts. The Foundation's awards are made to sym-

well as Malvern College. Not surprisingly he is a governor of the Centre of Environmental Studies, and a trustee of the East Grinstead Research Trust.

Sir Max is also dedicated to a number of Jewish charitable and communal causes. These include the Jewish Welfare Board, the Jewish Blind Society, the Jewish Home and Hospital at Tottenham, and the Ravenswood Village for the care of mentally handicapped children.

His identification with his scholarly forebears finds expression in his being a patron of the Leo Baeck College for the study of Judaism and the training of rabbis and teachers. He also provides scholarships for students of Carmel College. He is a generous donor to the JPA and an active supporter of the Anglo-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Talking to Sir Max in his office I asked him what the number of the building was. Wigmore Street that proved to be the original springboard in his success. He merely lifted his eyes to a window facing him and pointed to a tall modern corner office block on the opposite side of the street—a silent but constant reminder of his early, humbler days.

Well known as a lover of art, particularly as a collector of modern pictures and objects d'art which adorn his Hampstead home, Sir Max told me that the place of honour amongst his cherished treasures is held by a small pathetic statue depicting a forlorn emaciated child in a displaced person's camp. "A statue is the work of the late French sculptor, a Viennese-Jewish sculptor," "The statue," said Sir Max, "serves as a poignant reminder and helps to keep one in place."

ALEXANDER HOWARD

'phenomenal ascent from rags to riches'

Motors, the world's largest industrial enterprise, on the site of the Savoy Plaza Hotel on Fifth Avenue in New York. London Merchant Securities, having quite recently reduced its holding of slightly over 50 per cent to 5 per cent in the joint Savoy Fifth Avenue Corporation, received £8.5 million, some of which will probably be ploughed into a site for redevelopment in Manhattan's Sixth Avenue.

Max Rayne works from an unimpressive and surprisingly small simple and gracefully furnished office in Duke Street opposite Selfridges. He is a soft spoken man and his sartorial elegance is matched by perfect manners. The tidiness of his desk in his office, one wall of which is entirely covered by a huge map of London, mirrors the man

snr developments in science, medicine, medical and general welfare and the arts.

Over the years the Foundation's many grants have included a gift of £750,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital, a grant of £500,000 to University College of London, and quite recently by a further donation of £750,000 to the same college in build a new research institute. Another notable gift of £225,000 was made to the National Gallery towards the purchase of Cézanne's Les Grandes Baigneuses.

Sir Max Rayne is a governor of St. Thomas's Hospital and an honorary fellow of University College, London, as well as Darnley College, Cambridge. He is chairman of the National Theatre Board, governor of the London Festival Ballet Trust, the Yehudi Menuhin School, as

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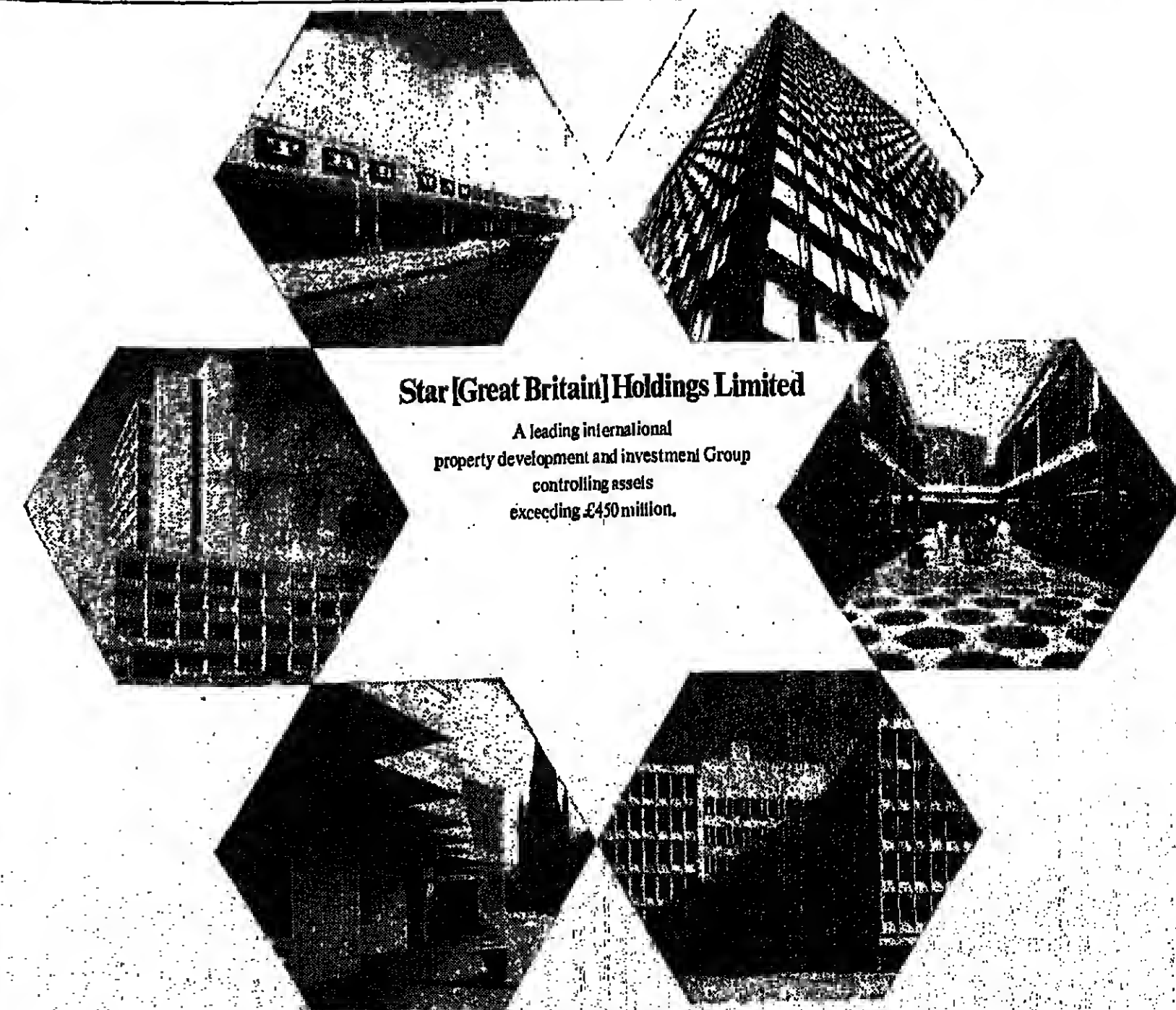
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A visit to the Virgin Islands is like visiting another world with plenty of capital being pumped into property schemes. Many Islanders from the south have left their homelands to get work here, where pay is very much higher.

With a strong trend towards local control of commercial banks, there is perky investment interest in commercial deals. Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana are doing

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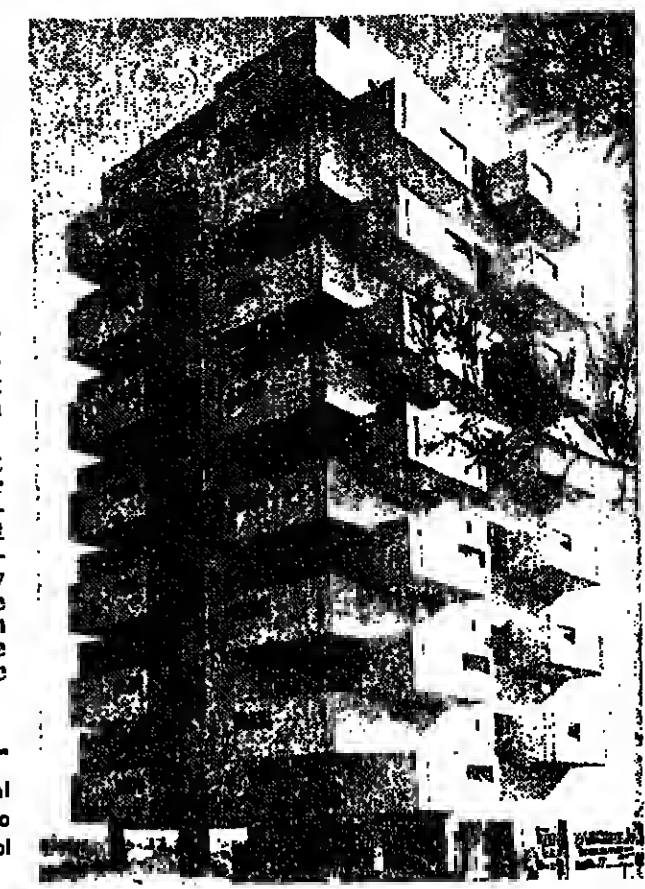
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to the Bahamians to see the numbers of visitors holding fairly steady—thanks to new shipping routes, especially link-

Nevertheless this trend does not result in narrowing the profit margin. In fact prices on land have been rising and now approximate their pre-war peak level even taking into account the general price advance which has taken place. The prime cause of the development has been the boom in residential construction which about doubled since the slow-down. Demand for housing has soared; as a combination of immigration (now running at over 100,000 annually) and the general economic recovery.

The second R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award for community architecture has been awarded to this block of flats in Beersheva



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New and expanding towns

BASILDON'S PROBLEM WAS that it needed a central station. But as it had two stations already, one in the east and the other to the west, it saw little chance of getting another. Yet it was to develop as an office centre, as it wished, a central station in bringing in workers from surrounding areas was crucial.

British Rail could not provide the station, although it was willing to co-operate if a way could be found of financing it. Basildon Development Corporation saw no chance of being able to pay for it themselves. So they turned to the commercial field and a £4 million scheme was worked out with Amalgamated Investment & Property Company, through which, by the summer of 1974, Basildon will have its central station and a large office complex.

Amalgamated have undertaken to pay a premium of around £335,000 to be used for the provision of the new Basildon station, which will be on the Fenchurch Street to Southend Central line.

A road complex, which will be the responsibility of the Corporation, will be finished to coincide, and Amalgamated will at the same time be building the office block, for 2,500 workers, adjoining the station.

This is the sort of joint operation between new or expanding towns and commercial developers, which is becoming more common these days. It is partly the result of Government encouragement, as it means reducing public investment; partly it stems from pension funds and insurance companies looking for places to put their money. And partly it is the developer becoming more willing to risk untried areas on the industrial as well as the housing front.

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Runcorn is quoted as the first example of a new town using an outside company to develop a complete town centre. Grosvenor Estates Commercial Development got the multi-million pound contract and the covered, air-conditioned centre, with its car parks, offices and shopping space, is to be opened on October 1.

Say John Laing, who are building for them: "New towns have to some extent shouldered commercial firms in the past and done their own developments. This is the first example where there has been this close co-operation for the type of project."

Selleck Nicholls Williams, the Cornish-based contractors (part of the English China Clay Group) won their largest contract—for £8 million worth of housing—from Runcorn Development Corporation.

This represents 2,202 homes to be built in three years and they are handing them over at the rate of five a day. They say one of the things that makes this different from most other developments is the speed of the programme. They started in September, 1968, and are currently on target in spite of the Ronan Point disaster, which necessitated taking a fresh look at their own system of building lower blocks at the worst time—when they were part-way up. Modifications had to be made.

"But," they say, "we have a tremendous relationship with the Development Corporation. When it is necessary we just get round a table." Much of the housing is being built to the Corporation's design, but using SNW's system—very much a "marrying of ideas."

At East Kilbride, City Wall Properties have been nominated to do the last stages of the town centre development—a multi-storey car park over an enclosed, air-conditioned shopping centre, and a 15-storey office block rising from the shopping concourse and through the car park—£44 million, excluding the proposed hotel and conference centre.

East Kilbride, the first of the Scottish new towns, designated in 1947, is something of an exception to the idea of the original new towns going it alone. It had early links with commercial development, with Revenue doing the first stage of the commercial town centre.

Swindon seems to have been listening to the often heard complaints that authorities try

to make builders put up of houses for which there is demand, and that in industrial development there is frequently no housing for the managers.

It is starting its transition scheme that will than double the existing housing and include centres, schools, light and local authority housing. This expanding town is the need for executive housing as well, and offered McLeans 15 acres on which to build some.

"We were delighted," McLeans says. "We think the site is ideal for this type of housing." Although the village will not be ready until September, they are getting inquiries for the cottages, which will sell for £10,000.

Higgs & Hill have gone a little further for their co-operation—to France in competition with 80 other developers they have been offered the £2 million contract to build 150 houses in the private sector of the French new town of Cergy-Pontoise, the first of a series of new towns to be built around Paris.

Jubilant Higgs & Hill say they believe it is the first British development to have won a government contract for private housing on the continent.

The properties, to provide accommodation in a garden setting for middle and upper income groups, will be of three types. Purchasers at the top end, two bedroom, detached, will be given plans for extension to three or four bedrooms if they wish.



A development of three- or four-bedroom houses being built by Wates in co-operation with Letchworth Development Corporation



Extreme left: 13-storey office block under construction in Charles Street, Leicester. Architects: Carl Fisher & Partners

Left: Imperial Towers, Hampstead, a new luxury apartment block. Agents: Mitchell Mortimer & Co; Orico & Co.

limited shopping (and you can't get female office staff if the shops are bad) and only one underground station, which is on a minor spur of the Metropolitan line.

One future trend in London will certainly be the redevelopment of railway and underground stations—a logical situation to the problem of transport and thus office staffing. Grosvenor Properties are planning a huge office scheme on top of Croydon Station (they were one of the pioneers in this field with a raft development over Wembley Station some years ago) while Town and City are now in the process of redeveloping Moorgate Station in the City at a cost of £54 million. There will be 135,000 sq. ft. of office space here.

Finally, one of the few major schemes that isn't connected with a station has got under way in Victoria Street. This is an office-and-shop complex on three acres being undertaken by Grosvenor Properties and the Church Commissioners. This scheme will cost some £25 million and produce a vast 350,000 sq. ft. of air-conditioned office space plus 34 shops and parking for 300 cars.

GLC turnaround on office expansion?

GREATER LONDON is concerned about the office jobs in London. By 1976, it is estimated that the number of office jobs will be 1,000,000. The GLC has been slumped by nearly £100 million from the 1960 level of £425,000.

Particularly worrying is the loss of factory jobs, which have been disappearing at the rate of 30,000 a year. Office jobs have been dropping at a comparable rate since 1963.

The GLC, the London Office Bureau, was even set up to advise employers on the ways of getting out. Now the GLC is in a dangerous position of declining into a declining centre surrounded by irrelevant dormitories.

The GLC strategic planning committee announced the need for a further 29 million sq. ft. of office space and 15 million sq. ft. of industrial space to prevent London from turning into a vast unemployment area. The GLC is not an approved development area. The GLC is not an approved development area. The GLC is not an approved development area.

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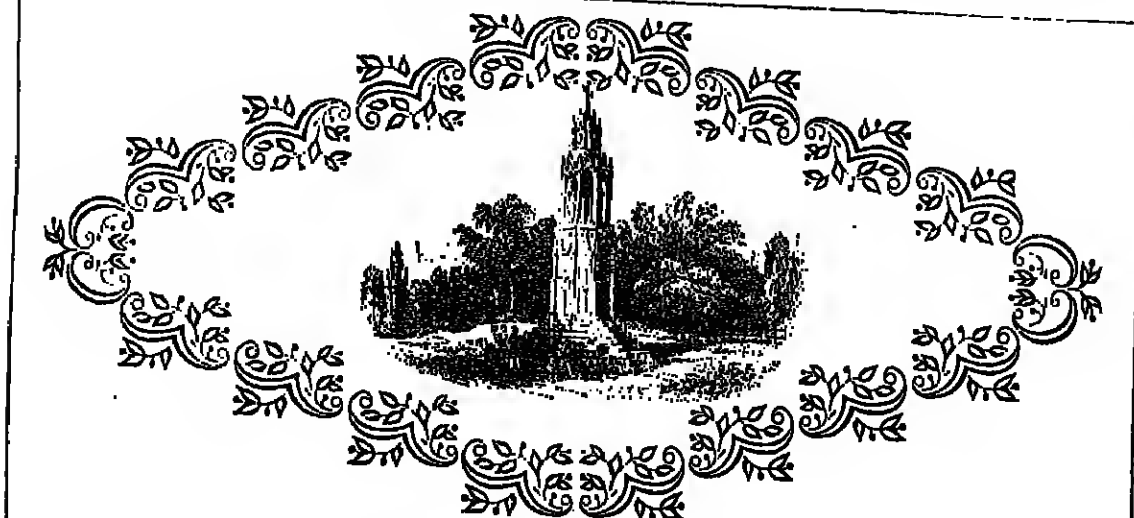
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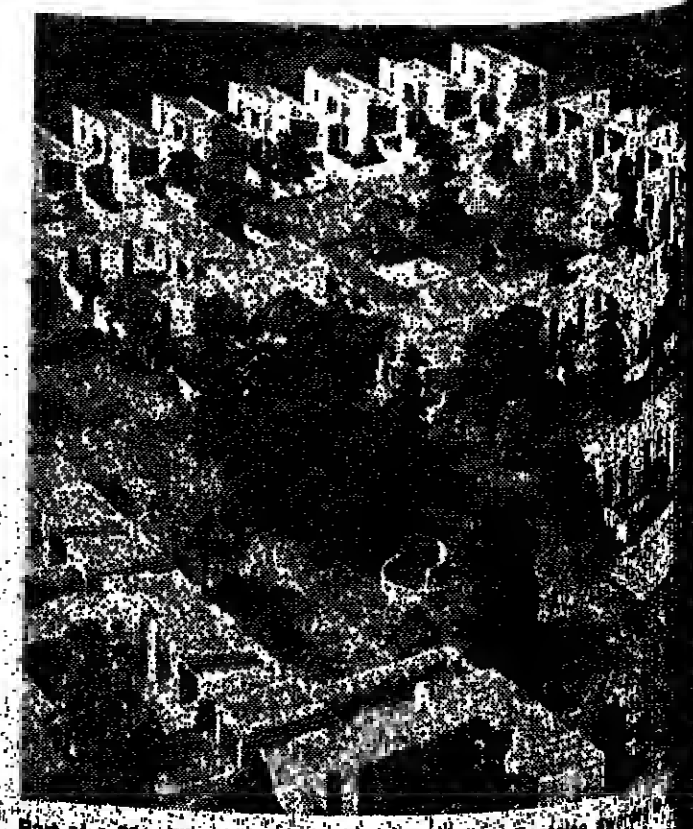


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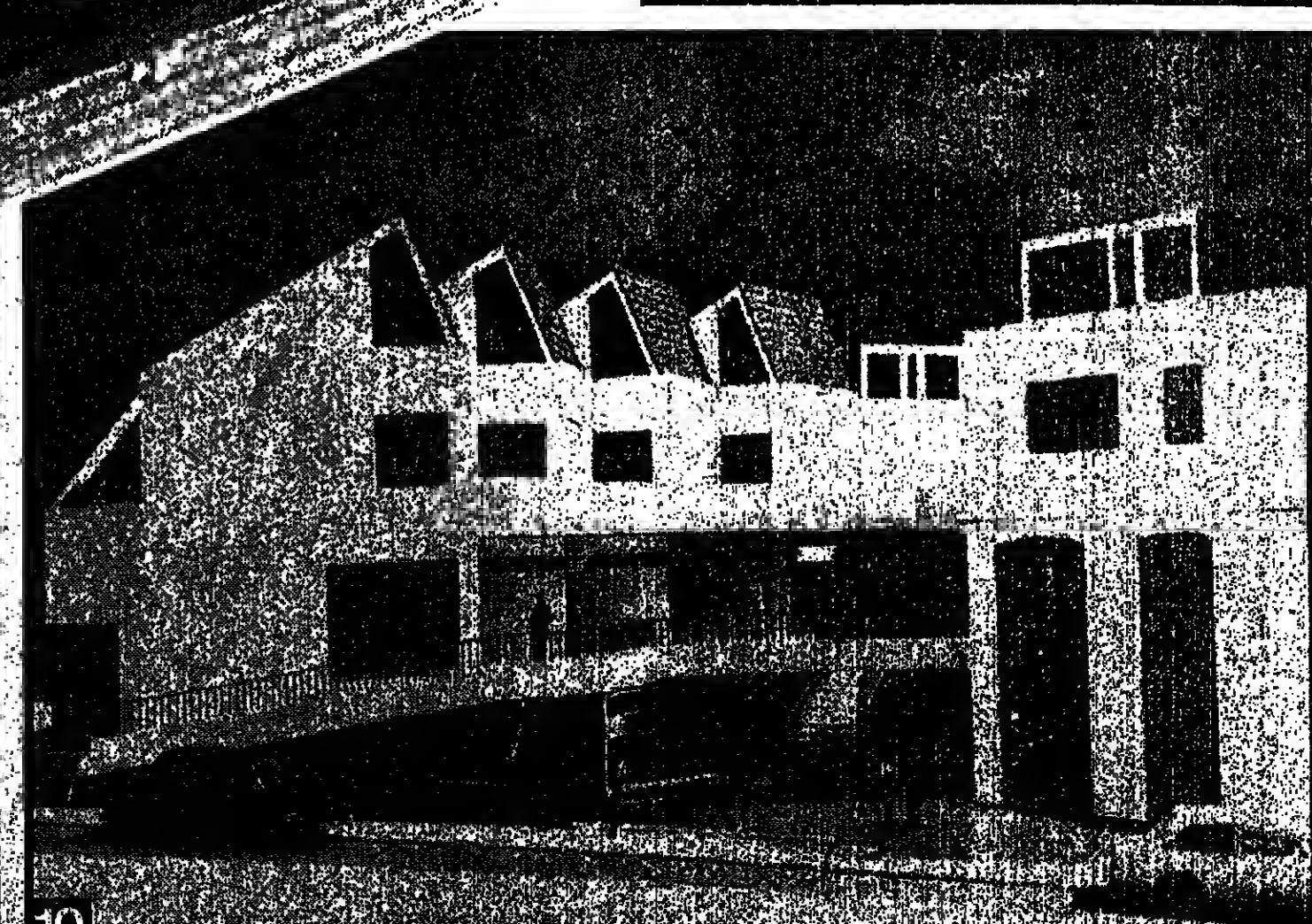
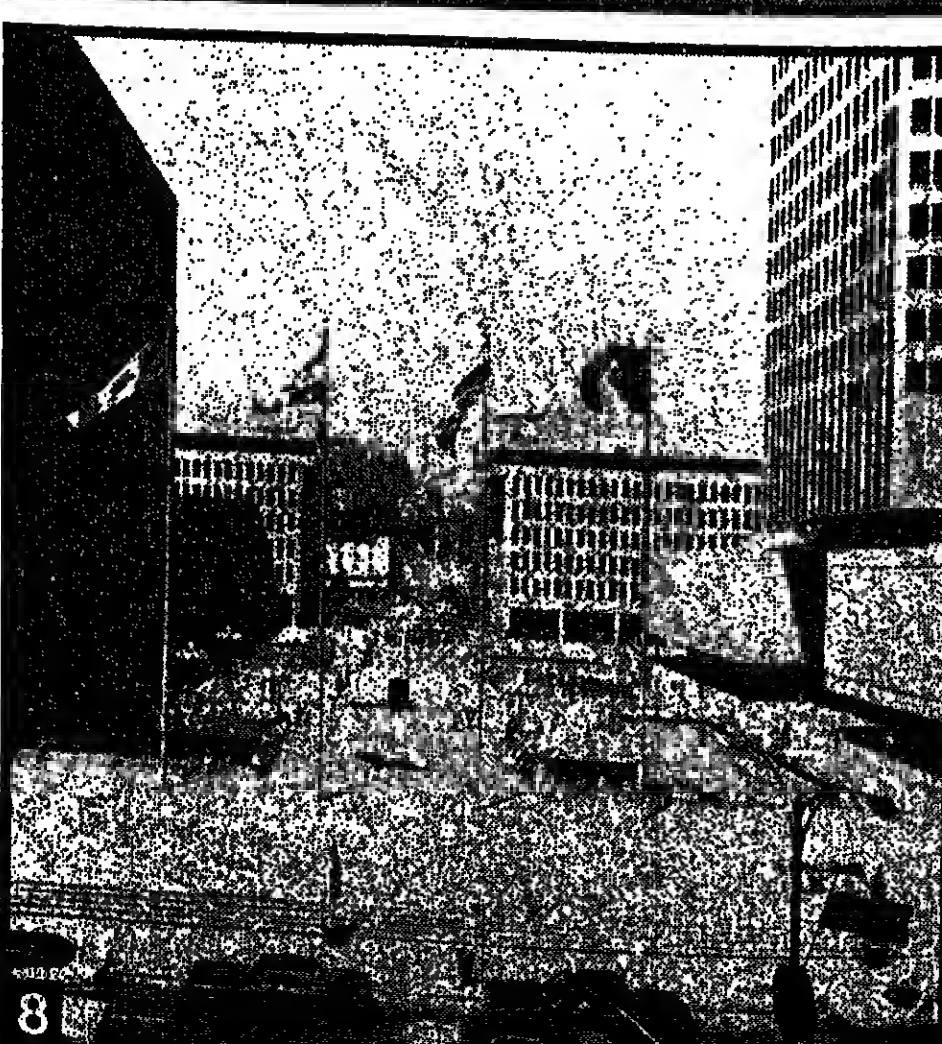
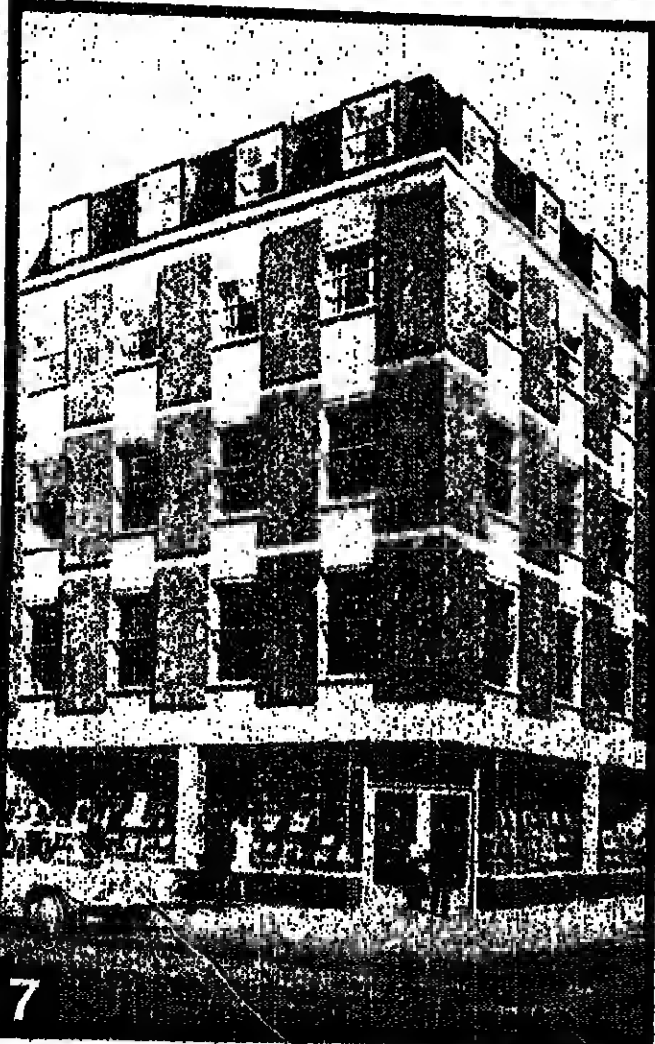
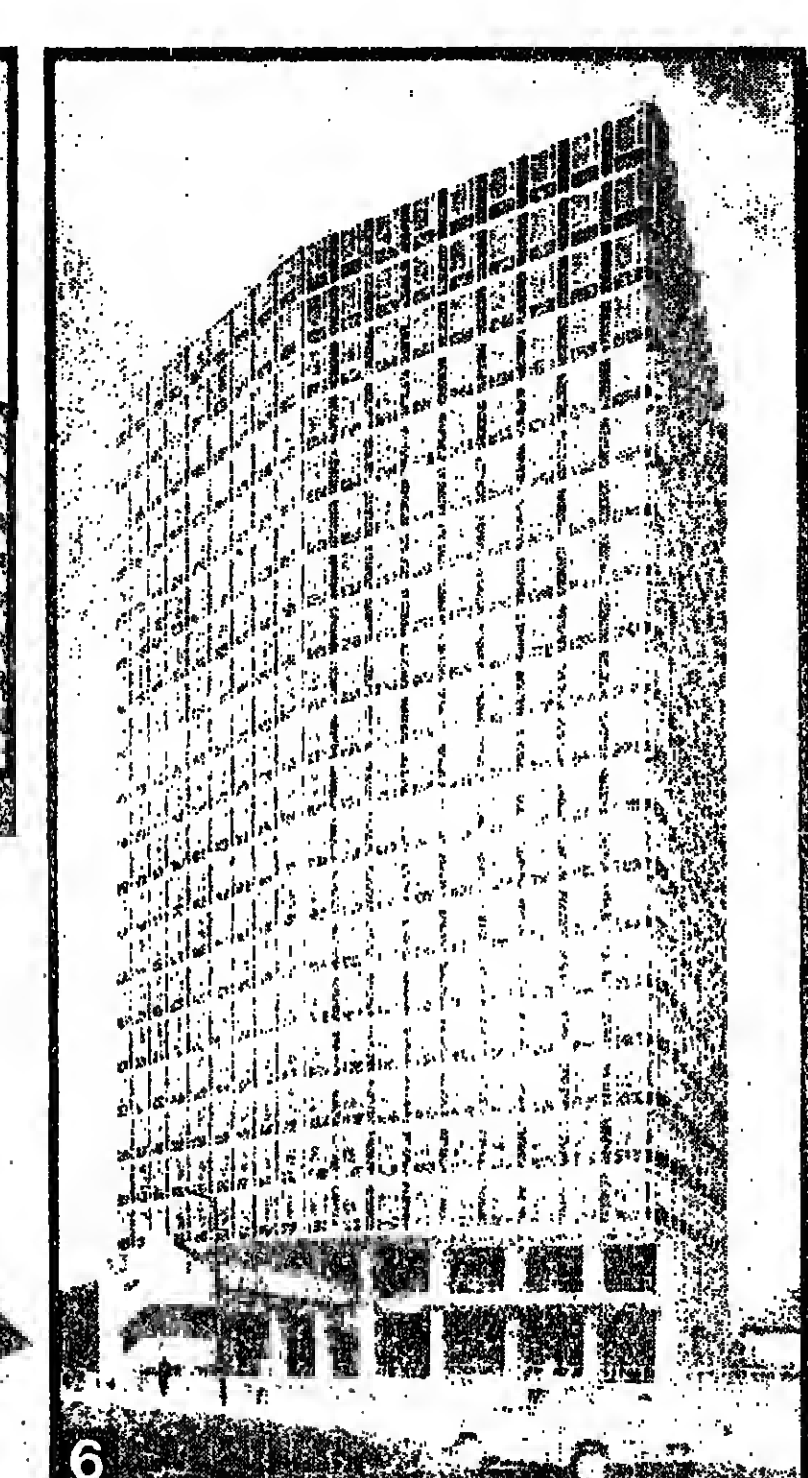
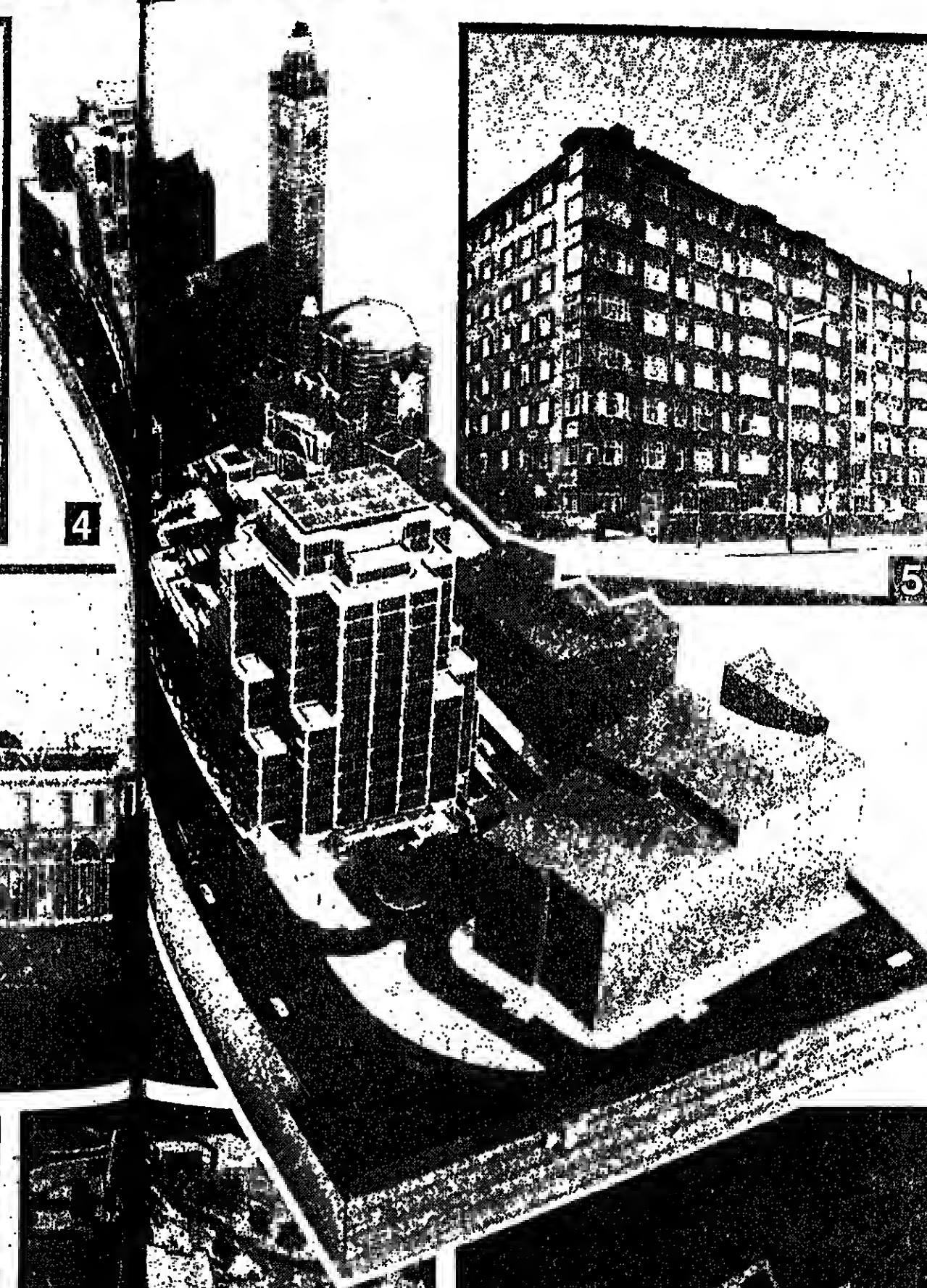
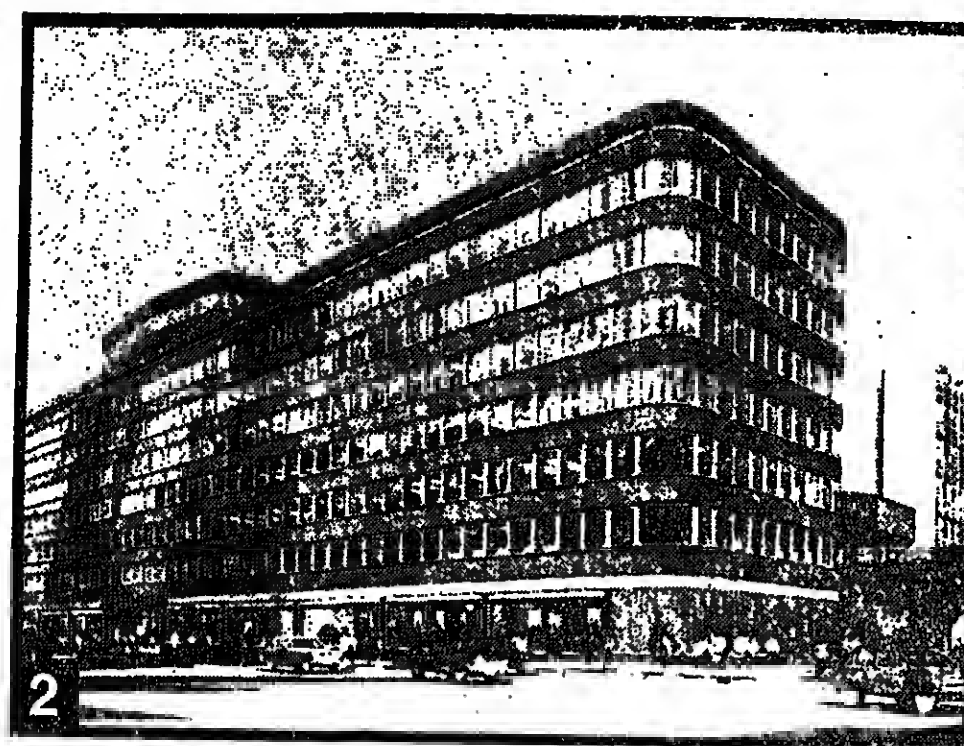
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Don't give criminals a break

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL figures, every 20 seconds of every day and night a piece of property is raided somewhere in Britain. Ranged against a grossly understaffed police force are criminals expert in the art of planning, equipped with special tools and techniques and highly mobile in escaping with their loot.

The raids are executed not only on the residences of the rich or the enterprises of the affluent but also on the humble homes of elderly folk (perhaps living in flats on their own) or on the suburban dwelling of the young married couple who have decided to go off for the weekend. No one is immune, but everyone can take precautions.

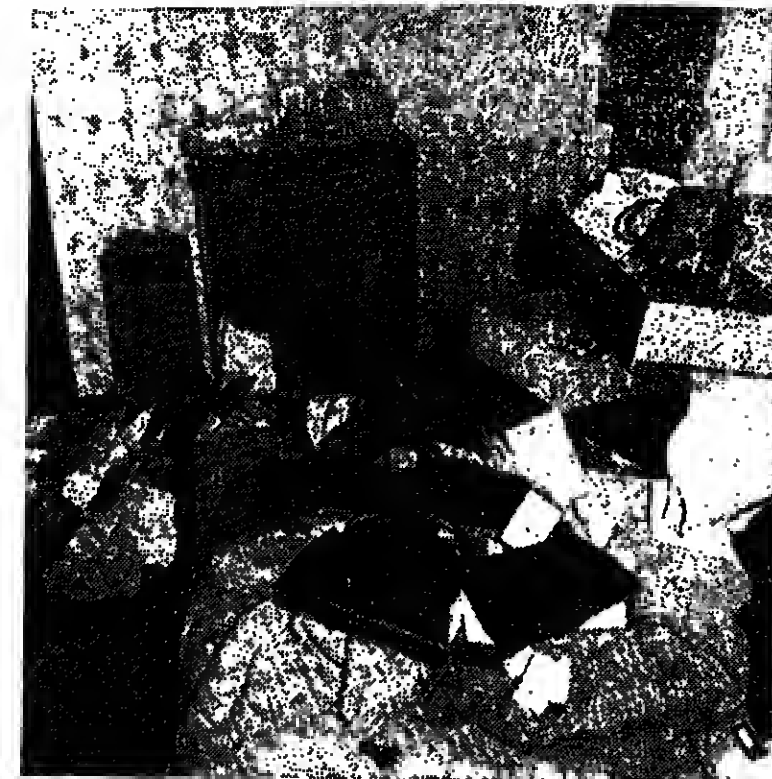
There is very much more John citizen and Johna can do to protect themselves and thereby help the police and the community. The cost of security is minimal as against subjecting oneself to constant anxiety and running the risk of losing one's cherished possessions or exposing oneself to the possibility of physical injury.

So many private residences offer very little resistance to the professional criminal who is so well equipped to open locks and gain entry. At risk may be a householder's pictures, art treasures, silver, jewellery, porcelain, tapestries, furs, furniture,

carpets, etc., all of which items have escalated in value over the past decade. And insurance compensation can rarely replace cherished possessions, family heirlooms or things of sentimental value. Nor can it make up for the shock, distress and humiliation of viewing the vandalism which frequently accompanies the break-in.

There are many burglar alarm suppliers in Britain. They range from nationally-known companies offering a wide variety of systems to hundreds of small firms which fit simple alarms. The question is, therefore, which firm, which system? It does not necessarily follow that the smaller the firm the cheaper the installation. Greater resources by larger enterprises may mean cheaper production costs in addition to guaranteed efficacy.

As far as residential property is concerned, it must be borne in mind that, when contemplating an alarm, a system must be chosen which provides security 24 hours a day. An alarm company is required to provide equipment which gives (1) first-class security, (2) simplicity of operation; (3) an unspoiled décor to the home and (4) workability even when visitors stay overnight.



Some burglars are not the tidiest of people. This scene greeted a flat-dweller after thieves had done their work.

The first step is to consult the Police Crime Prevention Officer at one's local police station. He has special responsibilities for preventing crime, and it is one of his duties to advise the public (free of charge) on security. He will put a person in touch with companies manufacturing, installing and maintaining alarms.

Generally, the PCPO refers people to several alarm companies, each of which may be asked to survey one's premises and to supply a quotation for the provision, installation and maintenance of an alarm. When the alarm companies have supplied their proposals, the officers may be consulted for further advice. In fact, he usually likes to ensure that the alarm company's proposals are sufficiently comprehensive for the risks involved.

One of the top three alarm systems in the United Kingdom is Shorrock Security Systems Ltd. (a member of the Hawker Siddale Group). They are the manufacturers of the world's largest range of electronic security equipment, which can be seen in operation at their London showrooms at Colindale. They produce an extensive and ingenious range of special security equipment both for residential and non-residential premises, including synagogues (protection of the Ark silver) and Jewish schools in the area.

The Shorrock crime preventer is an audible alarm system with two bells, a protected control unit, contact points, electronic

pass lock and high energy lighting throughout. The installation is carried by the firm's engineers in day with no fuss or delay. It is a simple matter to maintain and leaving the audible alarm and the crime preventer offers the protection at a realistic cost either an outright sale for a week or a rental of a few dollars per week—within the pocket of a person with modest means.

Extra detection points cost extra £3 each and pressure maintenance visits are carried out at regular intervals by the installation engineer.

The firm has on display showrooms a fascinating range of security equipment, from pressure mats (trap devices used underfoot in rooms and also portable effective under carpet) to radar scanners and magnetic dialling machines which dial 999 when the intruder is detected.

Anyone, on making an appointment, is free to go to Colindale to inspect the equipment was demonstrated to Mr. Eric J. Foxwell, divisional manager. The address is Shorrock Security Systems Ltd., Security Systems Ltd., 100, Edgware Road, Hyde, Colindale, NW9 5 205 (0161).

While no burglar alarm system is ever likely to be proof against a determined criminal who pitted his wits against the full range of modern security devices, the criminal can proceed only with an "injury" and on some occasions, particularly the security forces are going to court his own with a tip-off.

LIONEL SIMMONS

Tax man threatens lease-back deals

GREATEST THREAT to hit the industry, intent on safe lease-back arrangements is beginning to emerge. If the Revenue succeed in their efforts, it could mean a trouble for industrial concerns wishing to sell their property, and back.

At present time there is a trend for many companies which require funds of capital for investment. This capital can only be raised by selling the properties within a company.

STEPHEN KING

There have been many cases in Britain recently, especially in the South East, where a company has meant that a company could stay in business. It has often been a problem, and realising the assets of the company concerned has often been a saving operation.

Now the Inland Revenue is claiming that rents paid as a result of back properties should be allowed for corporation tax. This has already been the case against the Inland Revenue, and is following against the Mail Order Stores

and Land Securities Investment Trust. Millions of pounds concerning hundreds of deals all over the country are now at stake and some observers are already sounding the death knell to the sale and leaseback arrangement which was becoming more and more popular.

In the case of Austin Reed they received a year ago claims from the Inland Revenue for more corporation tax because of rents on leasehold properties. Special Commissioners have found: 1. the sale and leaseback of a property was one transaction and not two. 2. More rent was paid under the leaseback arrangements so that a capital sum could be obtained and not just to secure the right of occupying business premises.

Rents must be deductible from profits otherwise many companies could find themselves in deep trouble. It could slow down a crawl, and at the same time affect many which have been completed for some time. In the case of Austin Reed, they are far from finished yet. The case may go from the High Court to the Court of Appeal, and perhaps even the House of Lords.

The Inland Revenue is out to make its interpretation of the law stick and is, apparently, determined to attack and destroy the leaseback principle. If the Inland Revenue succeeds it may effectively invalidate every leaseback arrangement.



A period Mayfield office, approximately 5,700 square feet. Agents: Brian Cooper and Co.

Austin Reed intends to fight its case to the House of Lords if this is feasible. Austin Reed's case is unlikely to come up in the High Court before 1972. If the company fails there and has to appeal the case could drag on for a further protracted period.

Property men believe the Inland Revenue is seeking to undermine the Income Tax Act, 1952 (superseded by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act,

1970). At no time since the 1952 Act has the central principle implicit in the Act—namely that rental expenditures properly laid out in carrying on a business are deductible in arriving at profits for tax purposes—been challenged.

The problem is unlikely to be resolved this year, and it could well be 18 months before the whole situation is clarified. In the meantime it could well have serious repercussions for some

sections of British business—part of which is far from happy at present with rising overheads and often lower profit margins.

Charles Clore was one of the first people in Britain to use the sale and leaseback technique which really grew up as a sort of reverse mortgage arrangement.

A company in difficulty wanted money, and got it by selling the building concerned. At the same time a rent would be agreed, and the buyer of the block then had a sound investment with a good annual return. Otherwise the deal could be sold off to a Pension fund, giving the initial buyer a fair return on his money if he was patient for a year or two.

It is not only freehold property which is disposed of in this way, but also leasehold properties too. It of course means that the business concern gets a large sum of money for its premises, but is then faced with paying a fair market rent for the property which formally cost nothing. The annual rent must then go on the books, and if tax relief is not forthcoming it will hit very hard indeed at the profitability of the whole organisation.

Perhaps the tax acts did not intend this whole question of sale and leaseback to be affected, for now that it has come to light some clear, concise and quick judgement should be made, especially as so many transactions of this type are in progress.

Austin Reed's announcement that it intends to mobilise support from property men and the institutions to oppose the tax men has drawn a quick response from the Inland Revenue. In a carefully worded statement they state that they are not out to kill lease-back deals in general. When they have sorted out the particular cases which trouble them, property men will be able to draw conclusions about their future policy.

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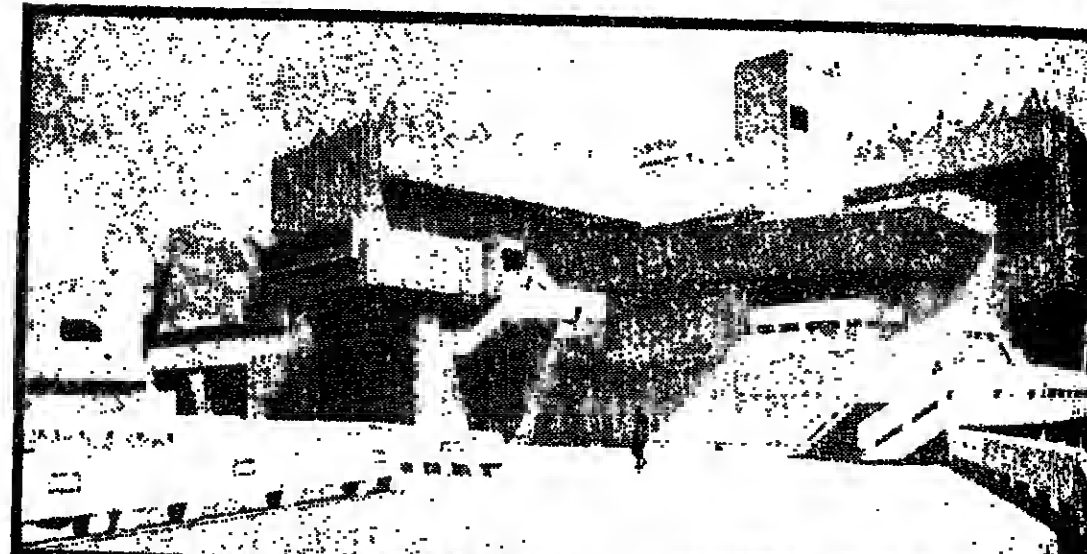
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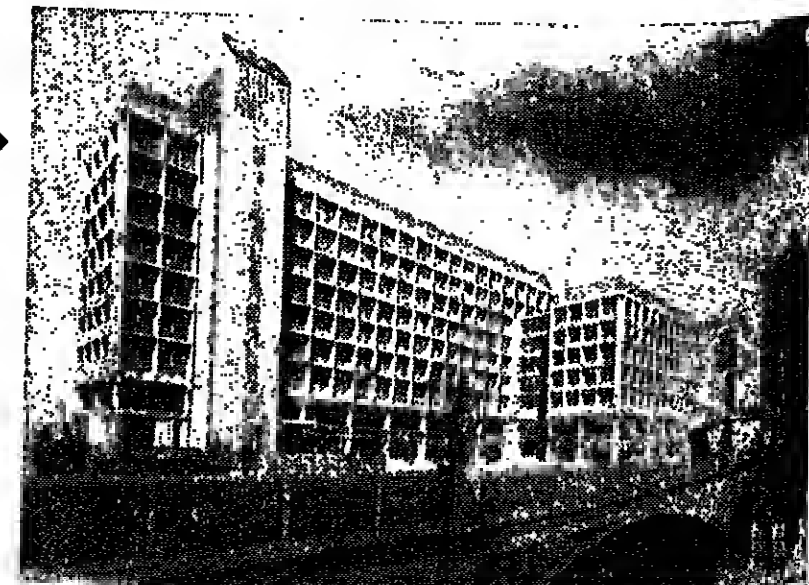
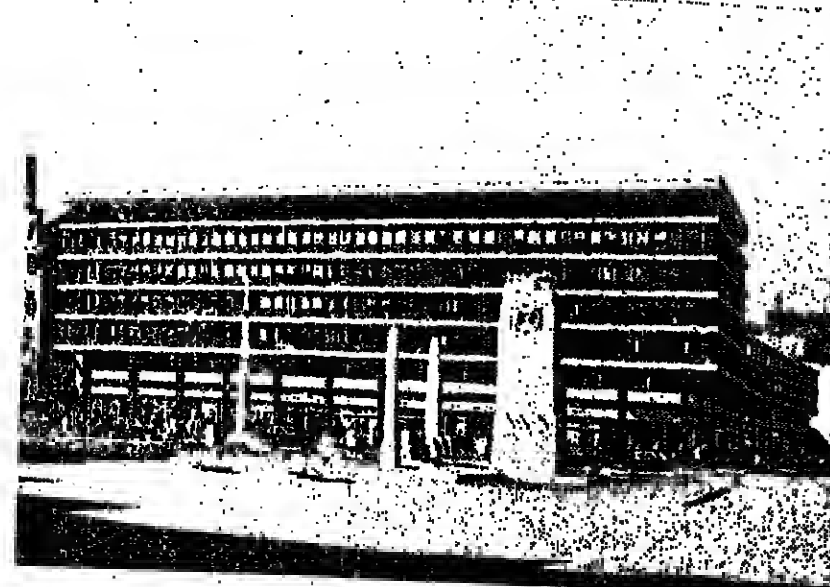
Above: Buildings as concrete sculptures—the GLC's Queen Elizabeth Hall and Hayward Gallery on the South Bank designed by Sir Hubert Bennett. Top of page: Old people's flats at 71-79 Priory Road, NW6, owned by the Lebone Housing Association. Designers: Noel Moffet & Assoc., G. F. Atkins & Assoc. and Sir Robert McAlpine

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The Hamlet, Chiswick Hill, SE8—private development of terraced houses by architect Peter Mores. Top of page: Painsclaking restoration of 16th-century Forty Hall in Enfield for use as a museum and display centre. Designers were H. D. Poaka, T. A. Wilkinson and H. T. Townsend

MARKET SECTION

An assessment of market trends and influences by firms with day-to-day experience in the property world.

Residential property values still soaring

The period 1970-1971 has undoubtedly proved that the boom in residential property values is certainly nowhere near its peak.

Acute land shortage and increasingly high building costs limit the availability of new properties. Unprecedented demand has created a situation where developments based on last year's values are now being sold at a vast increase over the then expected figures. The spiralling of values continues throughout the market and higher-priced residences are reaching totally unexpected levels. It is our experience that houses selling for £50,000 to £60,000—once a rarity—now sell to an active market. There is no sign of an abatement—in fact, this class of property is now considered an ideal investment—a hedge against inflation as well as a luxury place of residence.

Flats and smaller properties share this enthusiastic market as mortgages are easily available to most purchasers.

The market for larger properties capable of division into self-contained flats for sale or letting purposes is extremely active. Would-be developers are finding finance readily available and are further encouraged to convert property

with the aid of council grants. We forecast a continuance of this buoyant trend particularly within Hampstead and its environs—where demand inevitably exceeds supply as people strive to improve their mode of living.

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During the past few months, the sale of high-class residential property has stagnated a little due to vendors in certain circumstances asking very high prices. The general price range continues upward.

The tempo on the flat market appears to be increasing, but in view of the short fall experienced by purchasers (i.e. the cost of servicing the finance in the acquisition, less the net income received) being so great, this market is now left very much to the professional.

The office market has now settled to some degree after its recent meteoric rise. While there appears to be some moderate increase in the supply, there is nothing like sufficient accommodation to meet current requirements. However, the latest Greater London Council report with their development plan for floor space

targets in the 1972-1976 period gives some cause for optimism.

The smaller professional and commercial organisations continue to be driven out of the centre. Leaseback deals are becoming increasingly popular as owners of freehold and leasehold property held at low rentals realise the substance of these assets, taking subsequent steps to fend off unwanted offers.

The fantastic scramble that took place at the beginning of the year on the hotel front is now over, due to the March 31 government grant date for commencement having passed.

As expected, a number of hotel schemes never did get off the ground. The developers were unable to obtain planning permission, sufficient finance or were not in a position to commence the 'cheer' prior to March 31. Without the grant, worth 20 per cent of the building costs with a maximum of £1,000 per bedroom, the majority of hotel schemes recently projected would not be viable.

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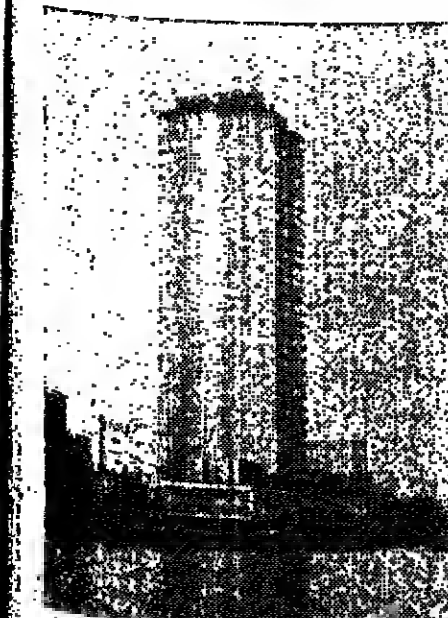
Developers are now concentrating on maximising the real value of property. Their job has become more difficult as the knowledge of laymen increases. Today the job of professional advisers of property, who may be sitting on valuable assets, to dispose of their interests has become so specialised that many property companies employ several skilled professional men to aid them (or otherwise) in the making of these decisions.

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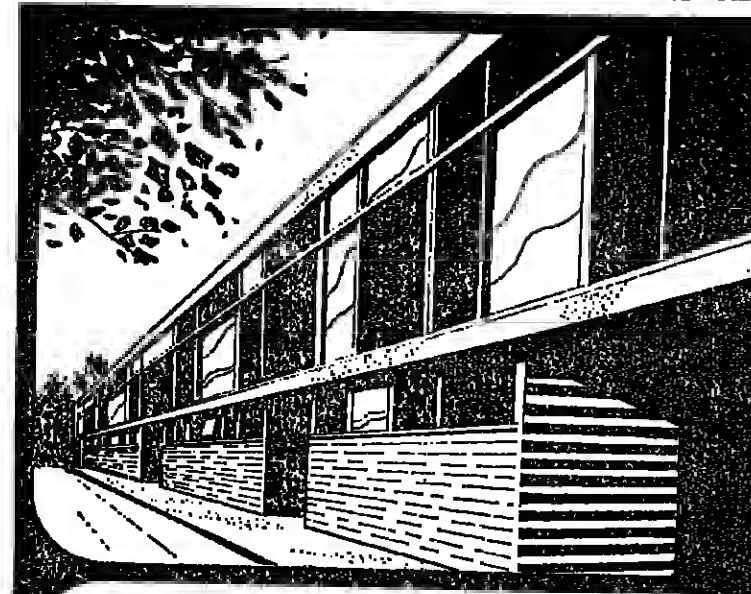


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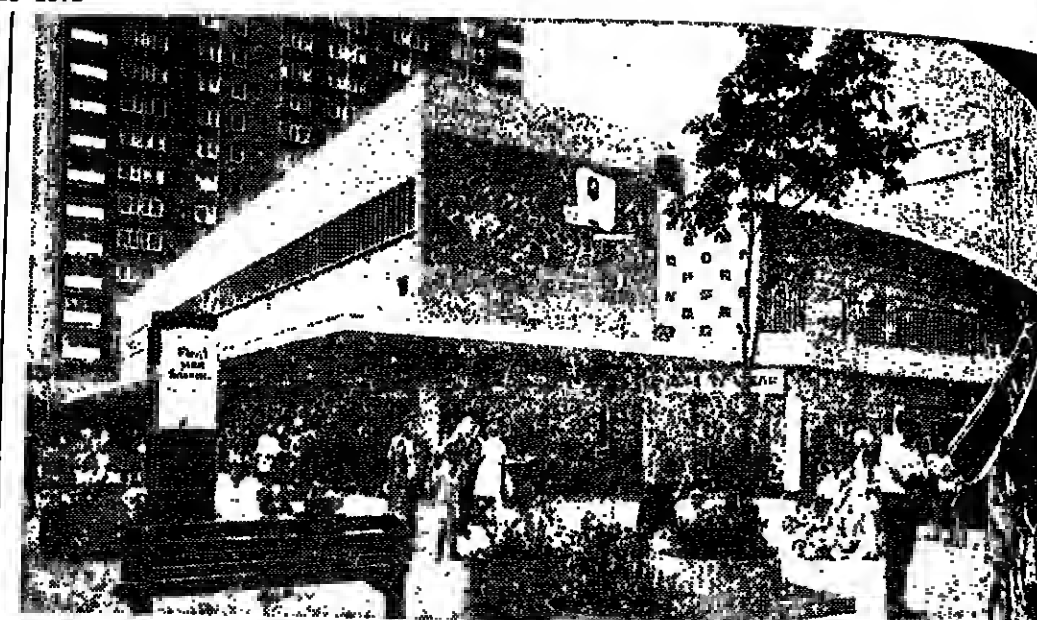
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The North-West frontier beckons

DESPITE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES and industrial and commercial changes, the North-West is preparing for a period of stability. Naturally, the throes of casting off the old and established and picking up the new cause considerable upheaval, but there is a spirit of optimism which even the apate of redundancies recently suffered has not dampened.

In the forefront of the new approach is North Merseyside, with Bootle, described as the "Croydon of the area," at the western extremity and Warrington at the east, a few miles from the M6 motorway. At Bootle, vast new office buildings, mainly occupied by Government departments, have transformed the town to the extent that many feel that it has usurped Liverpool's pre-eminence in this respect.

Meanwhile, Liverpool remains something of a problem child, though considerable redevelopment has taken place in furthering the City Council's proposals that Liverpool should be the shopping and business hub of the North-West. Some office buildings which have been completed, however, remain unlet, a number of them having been criticised as being in the "wrong" location, several are at drawing-board stage awaiting long-drawn-out planning procedures apparently caused through the proposals and counter-proposals.

Basically, there is general acknowledgement that Merseyside's destiny continues to be bound in with its port facilities, though these are in process of streamlining, with the result, for example, that the labour force in the port of Liverpool is being reduced and many of those engaged will be required to find alternative work.

Europe's largest corn mill, which Kellogg's are to build at a cost of £1,700,000 as part of the company's factory expansion scheme in Treford Park, Manchester, is going to provide employment opportunities, as well as a vast £195 million project by Shell at Carrington, near Manchester.

The M6 motorway has been of tremendous benefit to the region. It puts the glass-making town of St. Helena, with Wigan, Blackburn and Preston in fairly direct communication with the Midlands and South, via the M1 motorway and opens up quicker access to the Manchester and its environs.

Warrington New Town Development Corporation is to develop a 280-acre site for industry and commerce at Woolston, on the west side of the M6 and in the New Town of Skelmaredale. The Development Corporation has awarded a contract for the first phase of the town's 250,000 sq. ft. shopping centre, due to be ready by the end of next year.

At Winsford, new self-contained units with offices, suitable for small or medium-sized manufacturers, warehouse or distributive businesses

are available. Winsford is an expanding town, again with the M6 as the key, while at Wythenshawa construction is proceeding on a decentralised office development at Rowlands-way, to provide 114,000 sq. ft. of accommodation in two self-contained blocks.

At Kearsley, Lancs, an industrial and distribution centre is to be developed at the intersection of the M61 and M22 motorways, while an alte on the Stockport ring road is to accommodate a 116,000 sq. ft. office building.

Active in the area is the Lyon group, which has the distinction of having acquired the lease of the first site from Manchester Corporation to a private development company. It is of 3.3 acres off Ashton Old Road, about a quarter of a mile from Mancunian Way and on it

Boote Corporation, now Revonsell Properties for the intensive development of the centre

will be built 81,000 sq. ft. factory, warehouse and space in individual units of 10,000 to 30,000 sq. ft. group also has a large industrial estate, among others.

Over the past few years, several towns have undergone urban renewal projects. Among these is Wigan, where a new mid-Wigan motorway new tunnel to Liverpool, which is a considerable expanding dormitory area. Merseyside. Several of the multiple companies have substantial units and stores, the scheme, as they have been, where a new centre been fully let prior to completion.

ARTHUR BOWEN
 Daily Telegraph
 Property Correspondent

Turnover rents: problems and benefits

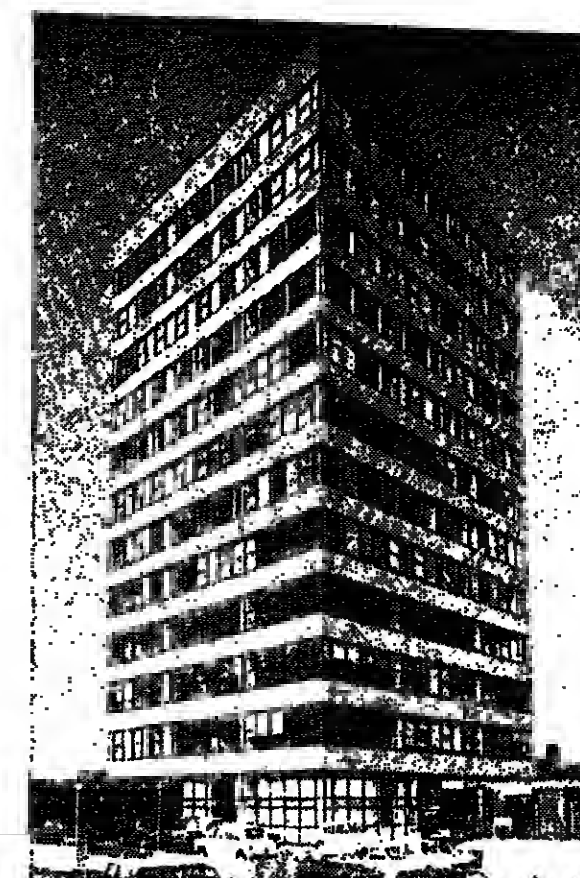
WHICH HAVE long been fixed to rents are increasingly that, as their leases elapse, rents and the length of new leases shorten. It is a totally different situation from which prevailed before the Second War. Then, the landlord—whether office, industrial or residential—was eager to receive a guarantee over a long period, and was ready

under the depressed conditions of trade falling in the inter-war years, with unemployment in even the best years never below 10 per cent, the business had borne the burden of a fixed rental. Even in the fifties, 21 and even 25 years were being readily granted. In the United States, however, the depression of the thirties was more acute, shopkeepers were not so prepared to commit themselves to rental.

the system of charging rent, not fixed at a specific but one based on a percentage of turnover, has become a permanent feature of the American property scene.

At Bootle, turnover leases by no means unknown, though they have been general, found on the fringes of redevelopment: cases in point are concessions on railway stations, catering franchises on motorways, and "shops with shops"—boutiques or craft shops in department stores. So as property companies are faced, however, the turn-

over rental system is in its infancy. Some lettings on Birmingham's Bull Ring end a few other developments have been on a turnover basis, but the company which is most deeply involved is Capital and Counties' Victoria shopping centre, Nottingham. Multiples are being given the choice of a turnover rental, while independent traders are still operating under the traditional rack rental system. Overall, nearly half the units in this development are being let on a turnover basis. Looking ahead to see how things will evolve on a national scale, it very much looks as if turnover rents will



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apply, in the first instance, largely to multiples. This perhaps in part due to some difficulties in getting properly audited sales figures from smaller traders, but mainly because there is more assurance of a multiple trader having the managerial resources to obtain the requisite level of turnover.

As with any innovation, there are problems. Firstly, what percentage of turnover should be charged as rent? Clearly, a figure appropriate to a high volume, low margin trader, such as a supermarket, would be inappropriate to, say, a jeweller or fashion shoe retailer. In the first instance, something like two per cent of turnover might be levied—even as little as one and a half per cent where the

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retailer is bearing all the expense of fixtures and fittings. The traditional low volume retailer, on the other hand, could expect to pay around 10 per cent of his turnover in rent. Probably the figure would be around five or six per cent.

This immediately raises the question of change of use or transfer of lease. One could envisage a situation where a supermarket retailer decides to increase the proportion of slower moving, but higher margin, non-food merchandise; this would probably involve negotiations to amend the lease. As for transfer of lease—particularly where a property company has difficulties in assessing the sales potential of the new tenant—this might be achieved through reversion to a rack rent.

Yet another problem—this has proved particularly the case with catering franchisees on the motorways, where cigarette stalls—a that upward or downward changes in indirect taxation alter the balance of advantage between landlord and tenant. Much of the trouble so far as the catering franchisees on the motorways are concerned has been that these contracts seem to have been drawn up without the parties being aware of the complexities.

An impediment to the wider spread of turnover leases is said to be the lack of knowledge of the retail trade on the part of landlords. In Capital and Counties' Victoria Centre, the company obtained a retailing expert from outside the group. It is a little hard to believe that a property company has enough knowledge of conditions in the retailing trade to be able to build a profitable shopping centre, but insufficient to negotiate with a prospective tenant.

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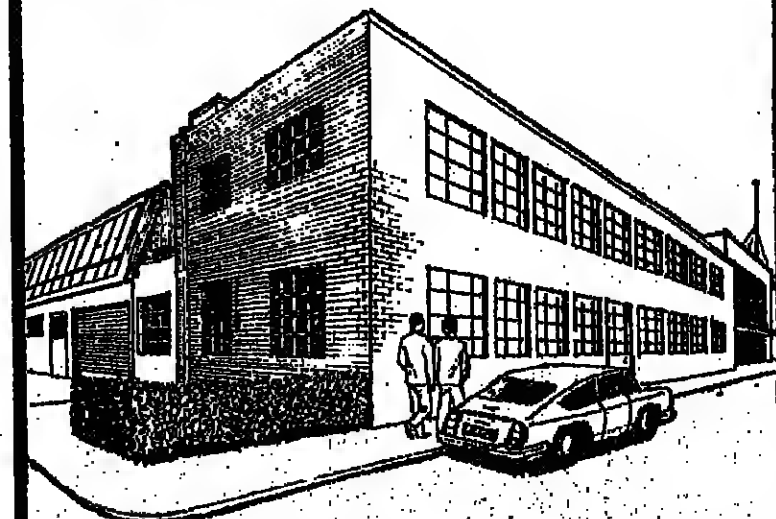
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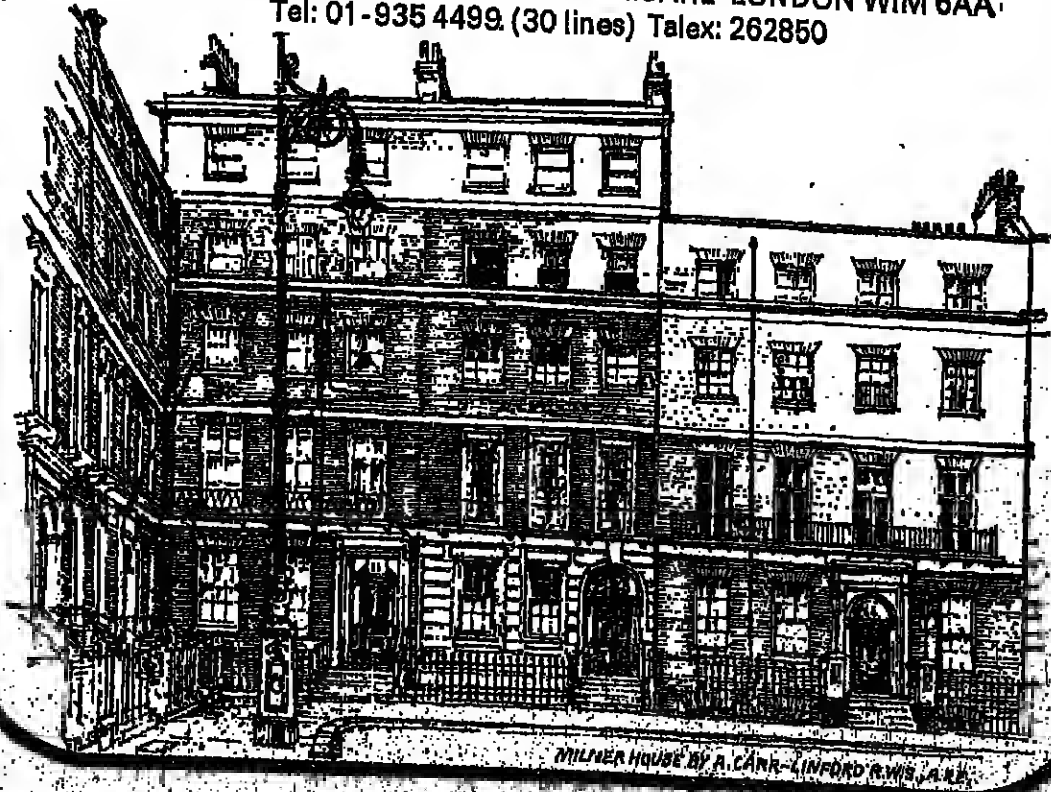
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erty matters in the daily press and economic journals is now so specific that any property owner vaguely interested in finance cannot help but be influenced and so question his own present position. The result is that many firms are turning to the surveying profession for advice. This often conflicts with the habitual thoughts and ingrained tendencies of the more conservative property owner, but since even they are well aware that the market has changed, this advice often bears fruit none the less.

The future is likely to hold a greater number of transactions of this nature and also on increasing participation by owners in the development of their own property, perhaps even to the point where the owners themselves join together in a consortium to develop their adjoining properties for their mutual benefit, acting not with established developers but through their own consultant surveyors and architects.

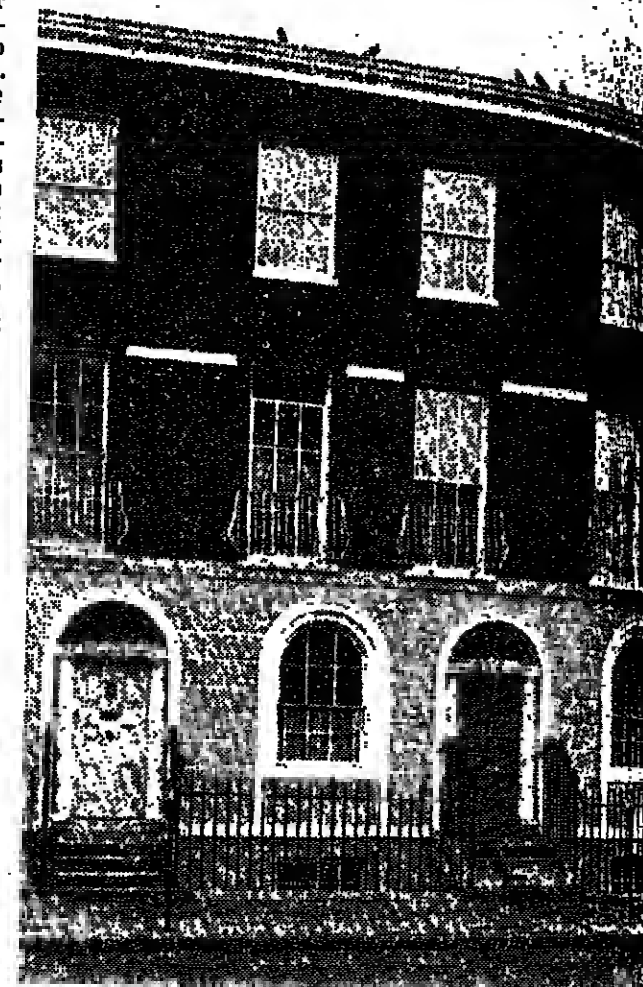
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Over the last three months we have witnessed unusual trends in the sale of residential houses in the Hampstead, Hampstead Garden Suburb and surrounding areas. There has been a definite shortage of houses and flats which has generally resulted in very quick sales for property owners.

A number of homes have been sold prior to auction, including 48 Shelton Avenue, 3 and 5 Bracknell Gardens, 25 Church Row and 11 and 12 The Grove.

At present the market can be summarised in six words: "An urgent need for more property." Prices are continuing to rise and under the present circumstances this must be the pattern for at least the next six months.

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A bull market again?

Tenants and investors are still readily found for first-class property. On the other hand, reluctance to invest in anything other than prime situations, except at proportionately higher yields, has become increasingly more evident.

Shop property in first-class positions still attracts potential tenants at very competitive rents. These prime investments are sold to show less than a 6 per cent yield on occasion.

Office investments in recognised locations are now much favoured by the institutional investor. New schemes which are totally unlet can be more difficult to finance, even with a minor developer's guarantee. The levelling off of City rents now means a fact that other areas, noticeably Holborn, have shown sharp increases over the past few months as the rent differential has finally been realised and taken advantage of.

Industrial property is in reasonable supply except in the most sought-after areas, but older property remains difficult to dispose of. The higher yields obtainable on this type of property, rather than shops or offices, have previously been caused by the large supply of industrial investments, as companies have sought to raise finance in a period of tight credit facilities. As the credit position improves a commensurate lowering of yields is to be expected, although the investor must be even more selective in his choice of building location.

Dependant on the economic climate, we could be on the verge of a bull market yet again, although at the present time the apprehension of the immediate past remains a strong influence.

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Our experience indicates that investment in all forms of property has increased since the Budget in April. Recent fluctuations in share values on the Stock Exchange have led buyers to turn to the steadier growth of bricks and mortar and agricultural land, rather than the uncertainties of stocks and shares. Double increases of the Financial Times Index climbing back into the 400s this week seems likely to continue.

Commercial property is in demand as an investment, particularly shops and offices, and their values. Firm situations occupying such premises are, as a result, less review their capital position whether it might not pay to sell out and move all or part of their businesses to cheaper premises. Agricultural land is still an investment, particularly in the growing likelihood of entry into the Common Market. Land prices are considerably higher in Britain. Land in this country are therefore more likely to rise if we do join.

Houses, now becoming the investment field too, are always a steady rising investment. Recent upsurge in prices has prepared buyers for top-quality property that can be expected to give capital gain over the years, one that is free from Capital Tax).

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London suburbs buoyant

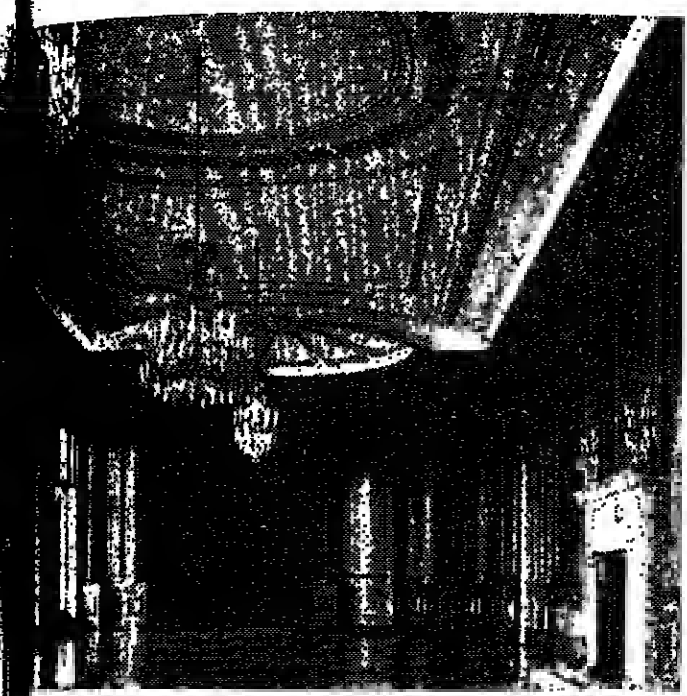
The demand for business premises in the north and north London suburbs has remained consistently good throughout the year, despite the country's economic problems, which affected both industrial concerns and the businessman.

Our shops department has especially in the past six months seen a significant rise in rents and prices being obtained. For example, shop units in a prime position, which were previously let at a rent of £1,200 per annum, are now let at £2,350. A very good example of this is a shop unit in the region of 20,000 sq. ft. which is now let at £2,350 per annum.

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bedroom at Wiltonhurst, Highgate, to be developed. Agents: Benham and Reeves

used for transport and has a large entrance.

rents have also risen, not to the extent as for these now stand at an average of 50p per square foot as compared to last year's figure of 40p per square foot. The rents are arranged by this way to the Decree Record Company and the North Circular Road. The rents are £9,500 per annum.

residential market is ex-

periencing an insatiable demand for houses and flats, coupled with a severe lack of available properties. Prices of houses, flats and maisonettes in North and North-West London have reflected the current shortage and have risen in the last six months by between 10 and 15 per cent.

This shortage has caused land prices to rise sharply but developers are aware of the fact that subsequent units will sell at increased prices sufficient enough to provide them with a satisfactory return.

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Leasing the asset

firm is stressing project leasing, as it appears that investors are examining their portfolios to ensure that the "asset" will leave them alone. A number of schemes have been proposed and many more are being considered. If the trend continues, as it has, industrialists will be able to take on more of their own projects.

noticeable increase in demand for residential properties has been to grow, encouraged by

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**After the hotel scramble**

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of hotel projects started within the London area. In some cases owing to the Government rulings regarding the qualifications for grants, this has resulted in a considerable number of schemes being started too soon and probably without sufficient preparatory work being done, either by the architects or by the planners. It remains to be seen whether this unnecessary time limit imposed on developers will result in poor quality and ill-considered hotels being produced in the future.

General trends indicate a far more sophisticated approach to the development of trailing estates, by both developers and consumers in their selective choice of buildings. General standards in construction are improving dramatically with a very definite eye on the implications of the Common Market.

Building costs are also increasing for this type of accommodation and rental values are rising accordingly, particularly in the London area and the south of England.

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The continued good relationship between northern industrial property agents, the local authorities and such bodies as the North-West Industrial Development Association have undoubtedly assisted both vendors and incoming industrialists in the smooth establishment of new projects.

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Villa on the El Medronal estate at San Pedro de Alc nara, near Costa del Sol, Spain. London agents: Overseas Property Consultants Knight, Frank & Rutley

While the office letting market during the past year has been quite active, there has been a noticeable slackening in demand for top rented office accommodation. Many organisations, traditionally bound to the Central Area, in particular the City, are now seriously considering the possibilities of moving further afield.

Considerable savings can be achieved by decentralisation, and rentals in the suburbs, as a result, have risen to as high as £3 per square foot for a first-class building, which compares with £18-£20 per square foot for a similar building in the Central Area. One of the problems besetting major organisations considering decentralisation is retention of staff. However, many staff members prefer working in the suburbs and, in particular, avoiding daily travel frustrations.

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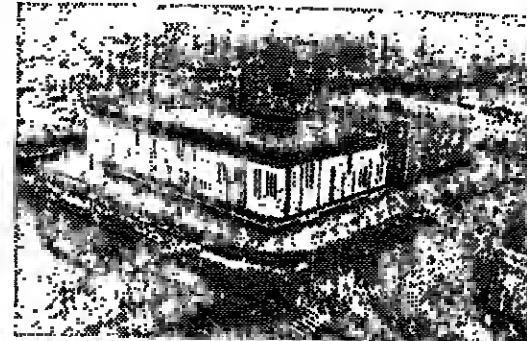
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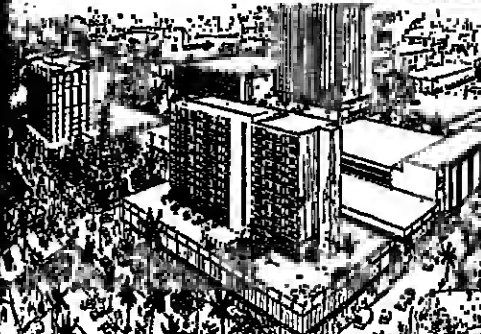
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SPORTS NEWS

Cricket added to Maccabiah

The Maccabi World Union is to apply immediately for full membership of the World Zionist Organisation as "a non-political and non-party youth movement which subscribes wholeheartedly to the Jerusalem Programme".

"We look forward to becoming part and parcel of the WZO, with the same status and rights as other non-party constituent groups, such as WZA," MWU chairman Pierre Gille-gate told me last week and

From JACK LEON—Tel Aviv

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FOOTBALL

Players sought

Wingate are to run an under-18 side in the Finchley Youth League next season in an effort to groom young Jewish players for their Athenian League teams.

Players of a good standard who are interested in joining Wingate's new team are invited to contact Mr. Primrose at 6 Beech Drive, East Finchley (or telephone 883 6306). Those players who join the club will enjoy all the training and social facilities offered to senior team members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR—Continued from page 20

Priestly furore at Merseyside

Sir,—As one of the oldest members of the Childwall Synagogue, both in years and length of membership, I greatly deplore the outburst of the Rev Jeffrey Cohen that a self-respecting person should apply for the position of chief minister of our congregation.

While it is correct that the Rev Myer Wolfson raised an objection to his candidature, it is equally true to say that the conditions laid down by Mr Cohen were unacceptable to the majority of the congregation. Furthermore, for the salary we are offering, we prefer a candidate with a rabbinical diploma.

Our congregation is the largest and most respected in Liverpool, having the best attendance on Shabbat and weekdays. We have a youth minyan and children's services second to none. During the 34 years of its existence we have had two senior ministers and both will testify that they have received the utmost courtesy during their ministry. Whoever is elected will be given the same respect.

H. HUGLIN
21 Beauchamp Drive,
Liverpool, 15.

Unpronounceable

Sir,—The widely reported rejection by the Childwall congregation, Liverpool, of a recommendation of its council that the Rev Jeffrey Cohen be appointed its senior minister is not without its humorous aspect, in so far as it happened in, of all places, Liverpool.

Obviously the candidate was turned down because he is a Cohen. Yet in Liverpool there are two synagogues where the Cohanim are not permitted to duhanen publicly—to pronounce the priestly benediction.

One in Greenbank Drive where, a few years ago, when he was Chief Rabbi, Sir Isaac Brodie in the course of a sermon made an earnest plea for the duhanen ceremony to be introduced. The matter was subsequently considered by the members and was turned down.

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question of duhanen to his honorific officers; but I doubt whether it will ever form part of the service there.

What about Princess Road? Well, there is less likelihood of its being included in the service there than there is of the Liberal congregation's installing a mikva.

DAVID HUDALY,
3 Centreville Road,
Liverpool.

Restrictive practice

Sir,—In connection with your Focus feature "Priestly Disabilities" (June 11 issue), may I add that Cohanim are also forbidden to marry childless widows, who have obtained Chelitzah, as well as proselytes. With respect to daughters of proselytes, there is considerable division of opinion. However, most rabbinic authorities were inclined to recognize such marriages as legitimate under certain conditions and post factum.

to Israel, from where some Cohanim journeyed abroad so as to be married to divorcees in civil courts, these prohibitions create many problems and hardships, especially now when there are many young childless widows whose husbands have been killed in the war. There are also many proselytes and daughters of proselytes among the recent immigrants from Soviet Russia and the Iron Curtain countries.

Even Homer sometimes nods. (Rev Dr) I. W. SLODKI,
3 Bellott Street,
Manchester.

WIMBLEDON TENNIS

Okker's brilliant win

Tom Okker, the Dutch champion, had a convincing win over the Czech, Jan Kodes, in the first round of the men's singles at Wimbledon.

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ATHLETICS

Betsy's new record

by ALF WILKINS

Sixteen-year-old Betsy Lyons (Barnet and district) completed a good double in the Middlesex County intermediate girls' championships at Hemdon. She won the shot put with a new championship record of 36 ft. and came first in the discus with a throw of 104 ft. 10 ins.

Miss Lyons also competed in the southern women's championships at Watford, where she recorded a season's best in the shot put with 36 ft. 7 in., exactly two feet more than the winner of the inter-

mediate women's shot-put event. In the first annual national veteran's track and field championships at Derby last week, Dave Shor (Woodford Green) showed he is still in splendid form: he was an easy winner of the 10,000 metres race for the over-60s. His time of 38 mins. 27 secs. was almost two minutes ahead of his nearest rival.

Harold Abramson and Arthur Gold were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively at the annual meeting of the British Amateur Athletic Board in Edinburgh.

Samira Khan failed to gain a Wimbledon qualifying place at the Bank of England ground, Weymouth. She beat Brazilian Miss G. Schneider 6-1, 6-2, but lost 3-6, 6-6 to Miss B. Veal of the USA.

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TRAVEL

Belgium is ideal for family holidays

DAVID PELA

Belgium has been a popular holiday destination for the past 15 years. It is the main drawback for holiday-makers seeking sunshine holidays. But there can be no certainty about summer weather anywhere in Europe.

Entertainment is generally of a high standard in the larger Belgian resorts all of which boast casinos with the latest, covert hotels, night clubs, dancing, etc. In such a small country touring presents few problems. Brugge, one of the most charming cities in Europe, is within easy reach of the coast; and Brussels, at the other end of a good motorway from Ostend, can be explored on a day trip.

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Kosher hotels on Adriatic

Two more hotels on Italy's Adriatic coast are this summer offering kosher food. In addition to the old-established kosher hotels mentioned last week. They are the Ritz, in Senigallia, and the Arizona, at Igua Marina.

Senigallia is a splendid resort area about 30 miles south of Riccione and only 35 minutes' drive from Rimini Airport.

The Ritz is an impressive, modern, top-class, 150-room hotel situated on the promenade and connected direct to the beach by subway. All rooms have bath or shower and balconies, and facilities at the hotel are exceptionally good. Strikes delayed completion of the recreational and entertainment area, but during a visit there a couple of weeks ago both Dr O. Sellani, the proprietor, and Mr J. Rungtatscher, the manager, assured me that they would be ready before the end of this month.

The facilities include a large swimming pool, separate pool for children, night club, skating rink, mini golf and bowling. There are also comfortable lounges, shopping centre and children's playground. Kashrut is under the supervision of the Chief Rabbi of Ancona, Rabbi Dr Tagliaferro.

Assurance

The Arizona is a pleasant second-class hotel run by the Semprini Organisation.

The hotel, situated opposite the beach, had teething troubles over Kashrut at the beginning of the season, but these, I am assured, have now been resolved. The Chief Rabbi of Bologna, Rabbi Dr Bahi, told me that he was now responsible for Kashrut at the Arizona.

Miss Maria Angolo, who is responsible for administering the Semprini hotels, including the Arizona, has considerable experience of running a kosher hotel. She formerly held a top post at the Lido Mediterraneo, Riccione.

Igua Marina is only a short drive northwards from Rimini along the coast road.

Weekly Sunday day flights to the Italian Adriatic are being run by Pobel Travel. Departure time from Gatwick to Rimini is 11.30 a.m. and return flights arrive at Gatwick at 10.45 a.m. Aircraft used are Cnava jets operated by SANI, a subsidiary of Alitalia. Vegetarian food is offered on the aircraft and free wine. Pobel uses the flights for clients staying at kosher and non-kosher hotels on the Adriatic. Bookings can still be made for the summer period. There will be a special flight on Sunday, September 19, for those spending Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur at the Hotel Lido Mediterraneo, Riccione (cost for 15-day package, £102).

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HARD TIMES. By Shmuel Tarkel. Allen Lane. Penguin Press. £3.95

Shmuel Tarkel has assembled a large book, culled from interviews with more than 150 people who recall the depression in the US in their own words. Despite its having ended 30 years ago, the effects of the depression and the reactions to it are being felt today, not only in the US, but throughout the world.

An entire generation grew up in want—of a job, of clothes, of food, of some coins to jingle in their empty pockets. To compensate, they became insatiable in their desire for possessions.

Their children, born in abundance, provided with things the parents left themselves had been denied, also reacted; today, many of those children scornfully reject the materialism of their parents.

Shmuel Tarkel graduated from law school in Chicago in 1934—not a very good time to start practising law—when established lawyers were selling shoe laces. But he was lucky—he ran a sports programme on Chicago radio. Here he has interviewed men who lived in hobo jungles, rode the rails (beneath the freight trains), begged for food, or stole it; women who provided it or refused it.

How vividly I remember men coming to our back door to beg for food, or for a penny to buy some of their own. The city of Chicago was broke—and teachers were paid in scrip. Married women were not allowed to teach; those who taught could not marry—and learn.

We hear New Deal administrators; a bookie who would not invest in stocks and shares because it was gambling; a lawyer who went to the defence of a man who had been thrown into the street along with their furniture, for payment of rent; a Jewish skywriter who wrote: "If somebody set out to do errors and stupidities of the New Left degree, you could beat New Left today."

Roosevelt was supposed to have saved the system, but it was no real threat from the Left, but no power, and not much support. The real threat was from the Right.

The Roosevelt Administration created the WPA—Works Administration—whose task was to put people back to work in all fields of endeavour, from the theatre, music and painting to the most important. But their main task was to provide temporary accommodation for the unemployed, such as shanties, and public buildings.

The critics, of whom there were many, referred to WPA workers as "loafers" or "shovel-bearers" who did no real work.

Tarkel's book covers a spectrum—from the experience and garment workers to the nurses. From it a clear and interesting emerges. By the book's end, the reader has been through the lives of the people who lived through the depression. The book is a good psychology to show newcomers the beauty spots of the country as well as the slightly crumbling classroom walls.

Freedom flight

ESCAPE ROUTE GREEN. By Warren Tuto. J. M. Dent. £2

Courage and luck are usually the two chief needs for an escaping prisoner-of-war. If no escape that I have read about has this been truer than of Leonard Green's exploit in German-occupied Poland in 1943. And none has been more thrilling in the telling.

It was after hearing about Mr Green's experience that the author, together with his subject, went on a pilgrimage to retrace the escape route with the object of writing a book; and the method of combining the two journeys separated by twenty-five years has worked well.

Private Leonard Green, a spirited Jewish cookery in the RASC, persuaded his company sergeant-major, Angus Patton, a quietly determined Scot, to join him in the flight from Slag XXA to Danzig and the docks. Being acquainted with German was a great asset for Green's venture; being Jewish was a very great danger.

As an interpreter in the camp he

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junior chronicle

the ulpan helps immigrants to find their feet in Israel



new immigrant families arrive in Israel after six months at the training centres are over, and they leave the programme to plant roots all over Israel. For some, the change from life in the old country to the new is a shock, to that of an environment to plant roots all over Israel. For some, the change from life in the old country to the new is a shock, to that of an environment to plant roots all over Israel. For some, the change from life in the old country to the new is a shock, to that of an environment to plant roots all over Israel.

Here we appreciate the help of the staff. They even had to break the startling news to one newly arrived American that Hebrew was, in fact, written from right to left.

Not without some twinges of resentment do the adults find themselves once more talking in terms of lessons and homework. They attend classes from eight until one, six days a week, while their children go to local schools where extra help is usually provided.

Now and again, to break the monotony, outings are organised to interesting sites—it is good psychology to show newcomers the beauty spots of the country as well as the slightly crumbling classroom walls.

Social and cultural activities form a well-appreciated part of the programme. In one particular ulpan there was a choir, groups for studying cookery or Bible, circles for gymnastics and dancing, as well as lectures and films.

The "everybody's-in-the-same-boat-feeding" helped to ease the tensions of the new life.

Never before did I have the chance of meeting and talking to Jews from 22 different countries. Some of my most fascinating encounters were with immigrants from Russia. Some who had been pleading

to come to Israel for 20 years were finally granted permission at a week's notice. One Russian (ironically, he knew more Hebrew than many who had come from Western countries) told me of a family who had been granted permission to emigrate, had sold their house and possessions and then had to wait a whole year for the essential exit visas.

Cheerfully tolerated by their less observant brothers, the high percentage of Orthodox families in our ulpan promptly formed themselves into an active and harmonious minyan. We were even fortunate enough to have among our members an experienced "warden," an amateur rhapsodist and an American ex-Army chaplain who was immediately voted "rabbi."

Already old timers

There were even cases of young children back from nursery school, having learnt each other's language instead of the Hebrew they had been sent to learn!

The majority of people enjoyed the ulpan. There were plenty of babies to cuddle and no shortage of doctors or accountants to consult when needed. Firm friendships evolved, helping to ease the strain of the inevitable move to the world outside the ulpan.

Now the big happy family is scattered throughout Israel and, while the ulpan prepares for the next batch, we look on contentedly—already old-timers.

SHOSHANA BIRNBAUM, aged 14.

Too many eggs

On Friday nights there was a special atmosphere in the dining-room: white table cloths, wine and silence as kiddush was recited. Spirits warmed as singing began and spread like a wave around the room.

As the meal progressed, excitement would mount, till many were singing and vigorously waving serviettes above their heads to the rhythm.

I won't pretend that there were no complaints. They ranged

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Letter

I have a suggestion to make concerning the housing shortage in Israel.

On the "Tomorrow's World" programme recently, the interviewer showed a company, now collapsed, which was formed four years ago to manufacture plastic bricks. If the patent of these was bought by an Israeli company, or Israel financed a come-back of the firm, the bricks would, I think, go a long way towards solving Israel's housing problems.

The advantages of these bricks are: 1. They are very light and therefore easy to transport. 2. They can be laid quickly by unskilled workmen (a house—without plumbing, wiring, etc.—in a couple of days.)

People in Israel in substandard accommodation could build new houses for themselves with Government-supplied materials, with only plumbing and wiring having to be done by professionals.

I would like to know if this suggestion is a practical one.

R. F. PHILLIPS (14 years).

News

Young Israel League

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